

THE NOE VALLEY VOICE

Maher Drops Plans To Rename 24th Street

By Denise Minor

Supervisor Bill Maher has withdrawn his proposal to change the name of 24th Street to Cesar Chavez Boulevard, largely because of opposition from Noe Valley merchants.

"There was substantial opposition to my proposal and apparently a very strong sentimental attachment to the name 24th Street," said Maher. "So I'm not going to ram this down anyone's throat. It wouldn't be wise to push it any further."

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors' Housing and Land Use Committee in early June, over 40 people showed up to speak against the name change. Although many of them were Noe Valley merchants, there were also other merchants and residents from the greater Mission District.

Harry Aleo, owner of Twin Peaks Properties on 24th Street and a longtime member of the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association, was one of the proposal's staunchest foes.

"Overwhelmingly, people were opposed to this," said Aleo. "When Maher saw all of us come into the meeting, he wanted to take it off the agenda, but we didn't allow it."

I Think That I Shall Never See A Thing So Controversial As a Tree

By Steve Sheret

On the evening of May 4 in a small room at City Hall, the members of a DPW appeals board listened to arguments that a series of tree removals in Noe Valley amounted to "clear-cutting."

Despite the reading of an impassioned statement in defense of street trees—which accused the Department of Public Works of targeting Noe Valley for massive tree removal and questioned the department's financial motives for pushing residents to cut down their trees—the board overruled the protesters and held that the property owner in question had every right to comply with a city citation and remove two trees at the corner of Jersey and Sanchez.

Jocelyn Cohen, who lives on the 1500 block of Sanchez and was one of the protesters that night, left the meeting disheartened and angry.

"It seems like it's become an issue of sidewalks versus trees. They'll let you cut down a tree for the smallest crack in the cement. How can that be fair?" she said.

She and her compatriot, Celeste West of 29th Street, had collected 80 signatures on a petition asking that the trees be spared.

"Valuable energy and funds are being

"Business people had taken time off work to go down to City Hall, and we wanted to speak."

Another person who voiced his objections was J.P. Gillen, owner of Little Italy restaurant and current president of the Merchants Association. Gillen said that the majority of the members of his group were against the change, but that the association had not organized any official resistance. The large showing on the merchants' part was purely spontaneous.

According to Gillen, Maher attended a Merchants Association meeting in February, but failed to bring up the name change proposal.

"The first time I heard of it was when I saw it posted on 24th Street [in May] that there would be a hearing," Gillen said. "I was shocked."

(The *Voice* reported on Maher's proposal to rename 24th Street in the April 1994 issue.)

At the Land Use Committee hearing, about six people spoke in favor of the plan, including a fourth-grader who had written a school composition about what an important role model Chavez was for children.

After the meeting, Supervisor Maher expressed disappointment, but said he



We've Gone to the Dogs: Like this conked-out canine, the Noe Valley Voice staff crashed within minutes of publishing this issue. We'll be back from vacation in September. Zzzz. PHOTO BY PAMELA GERARD.

was not totally surprised by the merchants' reaction. "Merchants like stability. I've never known of a merchants' group to support renaming a street," said Maher. He noted that in the 12 years he had served on the board, he had witnessed about 15 street name changes.

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Residents Riled at Rash of Rats

By Loren J. Bialik

Wanted: One Pied Piper to rid Noe Valley of its rats. But as in the legendary town of Hamelin, don't expect the city officials to pay the piper's bill.

There is "roughly one rat per person" living in San Francisco, according to Todd Cockburn, deputy director for engineering at the San Francisco Department of Public Works. And although one might expect to see rats primarily in the poorer sections of the city, the critters are not only alive but thriving in Noe Valley.

Alvarado Street resident Monica Levin was alerted by her dog to the fact that she had rats this past October. They were scampering around in her back yard, most likely attracted to the fruit of an avocado tree. When she checked with her neighbors to see if they were having similar problems, she learned that Tom Brown, who lived next door, had rodents in his house.

"They dug through the concrete footings of the house and got into the walls," he says. Rats are nocturnal, and at night Brown could hear them partying. Initially, banging on the wall scared them, but after a while they learned to ignore his feeble threats.

Frieda Berger, a 70-year-old native of Switzerland who lives on Castro Street, may have the worst rat story.

A self-decried "fresh air fiend," who always leaves a window open even while sleeping, Berger tells how three months ago, "a rat walked in through the bedroom window, across the headboard of my bed, jumped across my face, and then walked out the door."

She set traps and caught three rats. One wasn't dead, however, and she had to drown it in a bucket of water.

Levin, who contacted several members of the Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Health, realized she had a serious problem on her hands. Her complaints initially fell on deaf ears, she says, but eventually the Health Department sent someone out to bait two sewers at a nearby corner. The rat problem disappeared, but Levin fears it will return in the fall when her avocado tree once again blooms.

Brown, however, was forced to hire a private pest control firm to oust the rats from the walls of his house.

All three residents were left wondering: Shouldn't the city be a little more concerned about rat infestation?

Unfortunately, San Francisco hasn't had an active rat abatement program since 1986, when federal funding dried up. Prior to that time, the city regularly baited sewers and other rat habitats to keep the rodent population under control.

But according to Ben Gale, director of the Department of Environmental Health, the city hasn't come up with the \$200,000 to \$300,000 needed annually to continue the program, even though he requests the funding each year. As a result, Gale says, "it is really the homeowner's responsibility to control the rats."

Sam Miller, owner of Mills Pest Con-



Some residents don't like it, but these ficus trees at Sanchez near Jersey will be uprooted and replaced by younger, less disruptive saplings this summer. PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD.

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'24th Street' Is Here to Stay

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Maher said he proposed renaming one of the Mission District's best-known commercial streets after Chavez because the leader of the United Farm Workers was "the most important man to die in California in the last half century."

Chavez was also a close friend, who over the past 20 years occasionally stayed at the Maher family home when visiting the Bay Area, he said.

But Gillen suggests that there might be more appropriate ways to honor Chavez. "We could erect a statue, or rename the Farmers Market," said Gillen. "But this proposal was fiscally irresponsible. Twenty-fourth Street is a recognizable name that produces commerce."

Aleo also said a much better idea was put forward by someone at the hearing: the city could name the plaza above the BART station at 24th and Mission streets Cesar Chavez Plaza. "It's down near the Latino area, and makes a lot more sense," Aleo said.

Although in mid-June Maher said he planned to continue his search for a street or public place to name after Cesar Chavez, he wasn't thrilled with the plaza idea. "I'm not interested in renaming a place that's in a purely Hispanic neighborhood," he said. "I don't believe in ghettoizing street names."

"I liked 24th Street because it runs through gay, white, and Hispanic neighborhoods."

However, Maher originally proposed renaming only the portion of 24th Street between Dolores Street and Potrero Avenue, a section of the Mission District that is primarily Hispanic. He changed his proposal to include 24th Street in its entirety only after hearing objections from lower 24th Street merchants and residents.

However, that decision lined up even more people against him.

"It was a ridiculous idea," said Aleo. "It's crazy to disrupt the entire street. Think of all the people who would have to change their signs and stationery, and for what?"

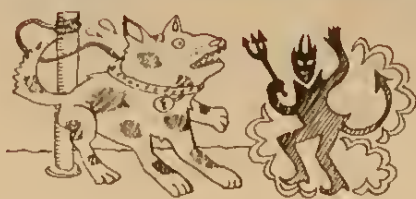
Gillen said he believed Maher's intentions were good, but misdirected. "It's expensive to change a street name. And in the fiscal situation the city is in, it makes no sense. I'd like to know how much the city has already spent on this issue."

"The Department of Public Works had to post and hold two meetings. And then there was the meeting with the Land Use Committee."

Willy Yau, manager of DPW's Mapping Division, said the cost for processing a proposed street name change was \$1,000. Yau did not know how much the posting of the 24th Street name change proposal had cost the city, and the inspector who could answer that question was on vacation.

According to the Department of Parking and Traffic, if Maher does succeed in finding a street to rename Cesar Chavez Boulevard, replacement of street signs alone would cost about \$300 per sign, including labor. □

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Don't Park Pets on 24th St.

Editor:

As cofounder of the Animal Switchboard located in Pacifica, Calif., I would like to alert the residents of Noe Valley to an unsafe practice that is too often seen on 24th Street. That is the tying of a pet to a parking meter (or anything available) while one goes into a shop or restaurant.

After having run the switchboard for approximately 25 years, I cannot tell you how many distraught owners have called to say that their pet was stolen in just a matter of minutes—either from their car or after being tied outside. Most of our pets are friendly and submissive and are easy prey for thieves.

These animals are stolen for a variety of reasons. They are sold to bunchers or dog dealers, taken out of state, and "laundered," thus making it legal for them to be returned to California and sold to research laboratories. Someone's lost pet could be in the lab of a local hospital only minutes from home! Animals are also stolen to be used in the dog-fighting business, and satanic cults have been given the okay by our city to sacrifice animals in their rituals. This was sanctioned in a public hearing approximately one year ago.

If you must take your pet on a shopping excursion, make sure it is visible at all times or have someone accompany you who can watch it.

Taking these precautions can save you the heartbreak of never knowing what has become of your pet.

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Holocaust Memorial

Editor:

Thank you very much for the article in the June issue about my paintings of the Holocaust series. Since the paintings are not for sale and were created for the sole purpose of perpetuating the memory of the Holocaust, your article has made a valuable contribution. By bringing this part of history to the attention of your readers, you have helped ensure that it will not be forgotten.

To paraphrase Santayana: Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

Fritz Hirschberger
Twenty-sixth Street

Garage Sale Tips

Editor:

We recently had a block-long garage sale on Elizabeth Street. It was fun. We made some money, but (sadly) it appears there was some organized theft going on.

So here are some helpful hints for future garage-salers in our neighborhood:

1. Always sell with a friend or two, and have someone outside at all times.

2. Allow yourself time to set up, and do not let the early birds rush you. These people rely on your confusion. Tell them, "Nothing is for sale until 10 a.m.," or whenever you are completely ready.

3. Do not let anyone inside your house. Be alert for other distraction techniques.

These few cautions may help us exchange goods without getting ripped off by unethical people. Thank you.

Don Cooper
Elizabeth Street



'Jesus Freak' Is a Good Samaritan

Editor:

In your May story about Ana Lopez, "The Queen of the Night Shift at Happy Donuts," I didn't appreciate reading the police officer's remark that store customer "Alex" was a "Jesus freak." Why didn't you find out who this "Jesus freak" is and what he does?

You are talking about my son, and I dislike what you said.

My son talks about the Bible and Jesus, but he does the work of the Lord, too. Alex feeds part of his Social Security check to poor people on 24th Street. He gives them clothes, and takes food from our house to them.

People make fun of Jesus freaks, but these freaks don't do the Lord's work like my son does. We would have a better world to live in, if there were more Jesus freaks like my son.

Armine Ellis
Elizabeth Street

First Ining Bar Changes Hands

By Jeff Kaliss

Irish soccer fans and their friends in the neighborhood received a gift of sorts in time for the World Cup. On June 18, the day their team triumphed over Italy, they were able to watch the game bounced off a satellite and onto the TV screens of a bar called the Rovers' Return on 24th Street, which had just opened for business.

It was a day of triumph also for Vince Hogan, who owns both the new bar (named after an Irish soccer team, the Rovers) and the Dubliner (named for his hometown), a couple of blocks to the east. He had crowds big enough to fill both places, and hopes to keep it that way, whether or not the boys in green advance to the second round of competition.

But many Noe Valley denizens may have been surprised at the disappearance of the First Ining Lounge, the former occupant of the site at 4026 24th St. It had been owned and operated for eight years by its namesake, Elisa Ining, who also owns Elisa's Health Spa next door.

Ining originally bought the bar for

\$165,000 (it was formerly called Zorba's, and before that Salonica and the Jury Room). She started listing it with agents a couple of years ago, but was unsatisfied with the offers until Hogan approached her earlier this year.

Hogan was eager to salve his own frustration over failing to obtain an entertainment permit in 1989 for another bar at the corner of Church and 25th streets, which he'd co-owned as the Bailey. When neighborhood protectionists blocked his permit application, Hogan sold the place, now called Jack's Taps.

Hogan offered Ining \$135,000, including a healthy advance that helped her settle a suit from a disgruntled employee.

"I lost \$30,000 on the cost of the bar," she reflected, "but with the market value, I still did pretty good."

Ining closed the First Ining with a party on May 31, and Hogan proceeded to "clean the bar out" and redecorate it. Some day he may rework the front to bring in more light and the sights of street

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Rat Tales of The City

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trol, the company that purged the rats from Brown's house, notes that if rats aren't controlled, "they can damage doors, floors, ceilings, walls, and electrical wiring as a result of their burrowing and gnawing activity."

But worse than that, rat fleas can spread plague, a disease that has periodically wiped out large numbers of the world's population.

According to Randy Blair, a vector control specialist for San Mateo County (which does have a rat abatement program), certain wild animals always carry the bacterial infection that causes plague.

"Throughout the United States there are 20 to 30 cases of plague each year, and half the victims die because the illness goes undiagnosed," he says. Bubonic plague, the most common form of the disease, is identified by an abrupt onset of fever, chills, weakness, and headaches, followed by pain and swelling of the lymph nodes. (A "bubo" is an inflamed swelling of a lymph gland.)

In 1968, a San Jose veterinarian died of plague. Blair surmises that a domestic animal the vet had been treating came into contact with a wild animal that was carrying the disease. Although bubonic plague originates in the lymph glands, it can spread to the lungs, where it is then known as pneumonic plague, and can be transmitted through the breath of an infected animal.

Rats can also contaminate food with their feces and urine, which may not always be detectable.

When the problem becomes serious, many homeowners turn to pest control firms like Miller's. These firms employ traps and poisons, which, Miller says,



The common roof rat—so named for its ability to climb trees, walk utility lines, and seek refuge in the attic—has a skinny tail that is longer than its body. The total length may reach 12 to 16 inches.



Until he ousted them last fall, rats scampered along the ceiling in Tom Brown's basement and hid out within the walls of his Alvarado Street residence. PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD.

"must be utilized carefully to avoid harming pets, birds, and children."

The two breeds of rats most likely to be found in the city are Norway rats—which can grow as large as cats and generally dwell in sewers and underground—and roof rats (more common), which may reach 12 to 16 inches and abide in ivy and other dense vegetation.

The gestation period for rats is 21 days, and they propagate at a rate of 9 to 11 pups a year. They have a life expectancy of about two years.

Rats enjoy feasting on fruit, berries, snails, nuts, and pet food, and will resort to garbage if no other food is available. This being the case, Miller, Gale, and Blair all agree that the best way to control them is through proper yard and house maintenance.

Says Miller, "Make sure your ivy, weeds, or brush are cut or trimmed down, so the rats cannot nest there. [Frieda Berger's rats were living in some high brush that had grown around her house.]

"Debris around your house should also be cleaned up or moved away. Make sure holes around your house are sealed to an eighth of an inch. And trees that overhang on your house should be cut back so that the rats cannot enter through the roof."



The Norway rat has a fatter body and a shorter tail than the roof rat. It generally lives underground or in basements or sewers. GRAPHICS COURTESY SAN MATEO COUNTY OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.

If preventive measures aren't enough, rat bait and traps—the old-fashioned snap traps or more modern "glue boards"—are available at hardware stores. Tuggey's Hardware on 24th Street sells a bait called Warf, which it says is effective against rats.

But the most toxic baits are only available to those who have a pest control operator's license. And if you go the route of hiring a private pest control company, expect to pay \$80 to \$110 for an initial visit, plus the cost of follow-up maintenance.

Further information on controlling rats can be obtained from the San Francisco Department of Environmental Health's rodent control division, 255-3610.

For additional information, try the San Mateo County Office of Environmental Health at 363-4305.

The Rovers Return to First Ining

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traffic, in the spirit of his transformation of the shadowy Valley Cavern into the more inviting Dubliner in 1987.

At the Rovers' Return, however, "I'd like to cater to a different neighborhood crowd than at the Dubliner," said Hogan. "But we'll have the same food service from the 24th Street Cafe [the new name for 3-J's Deli], and the same kind of TV with satellite transmissions."

Hogan also inherited the 1st Ining's entertainment license, allowing for the only police-approved live performances in a pub in Noe Valley.

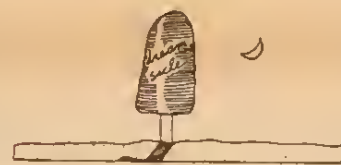
Although the permit covers Wednesday through Saturday nights, Hogan will start off cautiously by booking a band one night a week at the Rovers' Return.

"There will be no rock bands, but whatever is in there will be dictated by the neighborhood," Hogan promised.

"It could be a wide variety, from ethnic dancers and Irish music to jazz and blues. It's to be able to offer people something more than drink, that's the bottom line." Patrons can call 821-7861 to get the latest schedule.

Although the owner of the 4026 24th St. property has put it up for sale, Hogan points out that his long-term lease protects his tenancy well into the next century.

"We'll run the place the same way we have run the Dubliner, with the cooperation of the local police," he says. "We want an establishment you could bring your mother to and not have to worry, and my mother has already been in my other place."



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Neighborhood Tree Advocates Adopt a More Militant Stand

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spent in clear-cut destruction," says West. "I can't believe the city actually sanctions trees to be killed without a guaranteed replacement."

Although they weren't successful at City Hall, West and Cohen believe that by protesting each and every proposed tree removal in Noe Valley, they will be able to save at least some of our neighborhood greenery from the axe.

"If people don't protest, you're going to see a tree one day and a pit in the sidewalk the next," said Cohen.

The two activists claim that in the past six months they've observed half a dozen trees marked for extinction on Sanchez Street alone.

"I think they've decided to cut the trees down because it's cheaper than fixing the sidewalk," Cohen maintains. West notes, "The city trees offer us beauty and life-giving oxygen, yet ask for no profits."

But is it really a case of a "chainsaw massacre," as Cohen and West suggest, or are the city and the property owners merely fulfilling their legal responsibility to maintain the sidewalk?

'It's Been a Nightmare'

For the past 12 years, Karen Morebeck has been a co-owner and resident of the four-unit building at 195 Jersey St. (near Sanchez). When three of the six trees on the Sanchez Street side of her property started buckling the sidewalk early this year, the city tacked notices on their trunks, asking her to remedy the situation or face penalties.

In February, Morebeck made the decision to remove two of the trees, but the case wasn't resolved in her favor until the Board of Appeals hearing in May.

"This has been more than a headache. It's been a nightmare," she says with obvious weariness.

In the four months since she made public her intent to cut down the trees, there have been unpleasant phone calls, demonstrations in the street, flyers in her neighbors' mailboxes, and graffiti splashed on her sidewalk. (Painted in 18-inch letters across 10 squares of concrete were the words, "City rules cut these trees, say goodbye.")

"I love trees, too, and I prove it by volunteering every week at the Arboretum," says Morebeck. However, she happens to agree with the city that the 20-year-old ficus trees on her property are hazardous to pedestrians.

"These trees are inappropriate street trees. There's a danger of slipping and falling on their roots. The roots were digging up the sidewalk, and they would have continued to do so because they're the kind that want to be up in the air."

The trees also are not the best choice for an urban environment, she said. "The police told me when they came out [to investigate the graffiti] that they were much too dense to let in any light at night."

The rudeness of the protest took Morebeck by surprise, but what hurt the most was that none of her opponents asked for her side of the story. "Eighty people signed the initial petition, and not one of them had the courtesy to ask the homeowner why we were doing it."

Morebeck notes that she and her partner had planned all along to replace the trees, "with two beautiful Michaelia dolt-sopa trees—a magnolia relative," she said. "We feel we are doing our part for birds and nests and keeping the neighborhood green."

Asked about the cost, she estimated that when the project is complete, sometime this summer, the tree removal and replacement could run anywhere from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

"When all is said and done, we're still the ones who have to pay for it."



REFURBISHERS FROM OUTER SPACE

Photo by Ed Buryn

City Could Be Sued

Article 16 of the building code states that property owners are responsible for all costs entailed in planting, maintaining, and removing trees. The city issues permits to plant and remove, and hands out citations when it decides immediate action is necessary. But that's as far as its responsibility goes.

According to Mike Hasse of DPW's claim department, however, the city has to regulate street trees because of the liability issue.

"If someone trips over a section of sidewalk damaged by a tree, we [the city] get sued," he says. "If a property owner has a permit for that tree, the liability is shared between the owner and the city. They can't walk away in a case like that. A permit confers on them a certain amount of responsibility for upkeep."

Dan McKenna, as head of the Bureau of Streets and Sidewalks, regularly gives advice on which trees to avoid planting because of sidewalk problems. (Blackwood acacia, carob, American sweetgum, and Indian laurel fig are the ones to watch out for, he says). He also notes that he is seeing more vocal protests over street tree removal across the city.

"The residents of a community love their trees, and that's not surprising. But if a property owner has a permit, we have to take their wishes into account as well."

Tempers Flaring Over Old Growth

A few years back, Dorian Clair, proprietor of the clock repair shop at the corner of Sanchez and 26th Street, witnessed a tug of war over two old fig trees that had commandeered the sidewalk in front of his store.

"The trees had pressed so hard against

the building we couldn't get it painted. The roots broke the water main, and you needed to stoop to get under the branches. Then you'd stumble on the broken sidewalk," said Clair.

"A couple of real estate people across the street protested when the city cited the owner to remove the trees, and the whole thing went to court," he recalls. "It lasted a long time and didn't really address any issues of substance. It was just one person yelling at another, a real bitch fight."

The fig trees were replaced by ornamental pear trees two years ago at a cost of \$150 per tree. However, the property owner spent an additional \$6,000 in sidewalk and plumbing repairs.

Watering a Problem Too

Warren Karlenzig, an environmental consultant who lives on Vicksburg Street, has considered moving out of the city because of the lack of mature street trees and their alleged neglect by residents and bureaucrats.

"I don't understand why the city gets so excited about the smallest displacement of sidewalk, but won't do anything for unwatered saplings and other dying trees," he says.

Karlenzig concedes that property owners' complaints about financial hardship are legitimate, but believes their fears of litigation are ridiculous.

He says the city policy is unclear as to who should care for the trees, and that he was prompted to ask the people working at Real Food Company on 24th Street who was responsible for watering the newly planted saplings in front of the store. No one seemed to know.

Karlenzig and his wife have gone around the neighborhood with buckets on hot

days watering trees. "People need to know what they are doing when they plant a new tree. They need to install deep watering systems so the roots don't grow sideways in search of rain water. If they're in a building owned by an absentee landlord, they need to do the watering themselves."

"I don't see myself or anyone else who shows up at these protest meetings as radical," Karlenzig adds. "It's just that the mistakes of the past—troublesome trees, lack of maintenance, bad policy—are catching up with us. Noe Valley residents only started planting a lot of street trees 20 or 30 years ago."

How About Sharing the Cost?

Peter Gass, a 12-year Noe Valley resident and another tree advocate, sympathizes with both parties in this debate and would like to see a third way opened up.

He has been to many appeals hearings downtown and talked with a lot of people about the care of our street trees.

"I see a lot of polarization on the issue," he says. "It's too easy to get rid of street trees. I would like to see people plant more trees and conserve the ones we already have."

According to Gass, part of the problem stems from the fact that property owners back in the '70s went about planting trees without proper consultation. "A lot of the wrong types of trees have been planted throughout the last couple of decades."

The olive trees in front of his house on Jersey Street are ideal because they are slow-growers, he says. Trees to avoid are the fast-growing variety with surface roots.

Gass admires the sycamore, maidenhair, and magnolia trees in Duboce Triangle and at Davies Medical Center. "Take a look at those trees, and you'll see what a benefit they really can be."

He says that once a dispute gets to the Board of Appeals stage, emotions are running too high for a sensible outcome. He knows of many instances when things were settled out of court, as it were.

"The best way to handle these disputes is by neighbors getting together and talking it over. Also, it's not unheard of for people to chip in and help with the cost of maintaining a neighbor's tree." □

Editor's Note: Supervisor Kevin Shelley has authored proposed legislation that would require homeowners to replant street trees that the city has cited for removal, or face fines. The resolution is currently awaiting amendment by Dan McKenna, head of the Bureau of Streets and Sidewalks.



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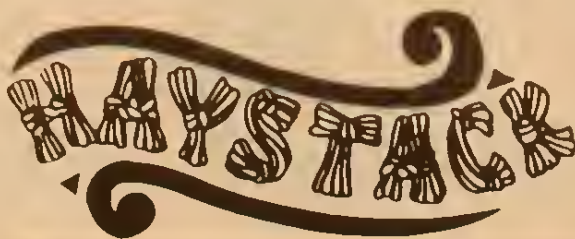
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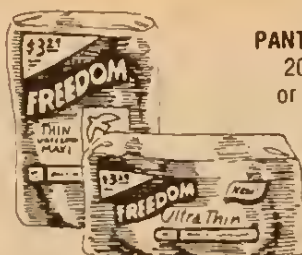
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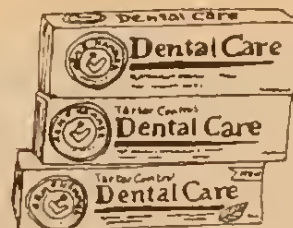


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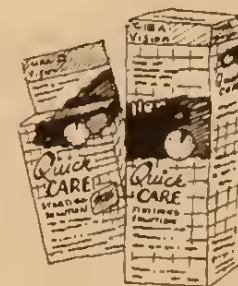
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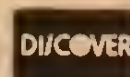
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Does It Matter Who Occupies The 2nd Floor In Downtown Noe Valley?

By Jim Christie

Perhaps you would be surprised to learn that there are limits on the types of business establishments permitted on 24th Street.

The maximum number of restaurants (24), liquor stores (4), and after-hours cabarets (0) was reached and in some cases exceeded years ago—prior to 1983, when the first set of "interim" zoning controls went into effect for Noe Valley.

And did you know it is illegal to convert upper-story housing units to commercial use in the so-called Noe Valley Neighborhood Commercial District? (The Noe Valley "NCD" runs along 24th Street between Diamond and Chattanooga, and includes a few blocks of Castro Street.)

Some background may be in order: In 1982, in response to residents' concerns over the haphazard growth of 24th Street, the San Francisco Planning Department decided to use Noe Valley for a pilot study on how a neighborhood could be zoned to suit its future needs.

By tinkering with the number, size, and kind of allowable businesses, the planners hoped to tailor the 24th Street commercial corridor to the character of the surrounding neighborhood, as well as retain its economic viability.

In devising the new rules, City Planning solicited suggestions from groups such as the Friends of Noe Valley, the East & West of Castro Street Improvement Club, and the Noe Valley Merchants Association.

After years of drafts, hearings, and revisions, a set of zoning regulations eventually emerged, which became permanent in April of 1987. Their purpose was (and is) to preserve residential units and small-scale development on 24th Street, to keep traffic and congestion to a minimum, and to prevent the proliferation of potentially troublesome commercial uses, such as bars and liquor stores.

However, the success of the controls, especially in relation to the preservation of housing, is a matter of debate.

Some Noe Valley residents decry the loss of second-floor residential space and blame it on lack of enforcement. Others, mostly merchants, wonder whether the rules, particularly those governing second-floor use, are too strict.

Bill Drypolcher, owner of Zephyr Real Estate, says he was a member of Friends of Noe Valley when the group first proposed restricting businesses above the ground level on 24th Street. But now he thinks it was a mistake.



Some Noe Valley residents complain that the commercial use of second-floor space in buildings such as this one at the corner of Sanchez and 24th streets has led to an increase in traffic congestion. PHOTO BY BEVERLY THARP

"If you say no to everything, then you get what you have today—people breaking the rules and bad-faith enforcement," he said.

"Doctors, therapists, and accountants neither need nor want ground-floor space, so where are they supposed to go? They offer desirable services and add to the diversity of the neighborhood, but we could end up driving them out."

The residents' groups, on the other hand, feel strongly about maintaining a reasonable mix of shops and rental units on 24th Street.

John Stalp, a longtime member of Friends of Noe Valley who chaired the group's Planning Committee for seven years, says, "The way things are now, shopping is just not that enjoyable on 24th Street—especially when there's a bunch of horns blaring. There's too much activity and no parking."

In Stalp's view, one reason for the congestion is that the Planning Commission has neglected the residents' concerns. "Exemptions [to the second-floor and other zoning rules] are handed out right and left," he says. "I can come up with at least 10 residential spaces off the top of my head that have been lost over the past decade."

Elizabeth Street resident Jean Amos, another Friends stalwart, agrees. "What do you expect when the president of the Planning Commission is a mall developer?" she asks, referring to Commission President Sidney Unobskey, whose occupation is listed as "retail developer."

Amos is gratified, yet frustrated when she hears on National Public Radio that

Noe Valley is a great place to live because of its scale. "Its scale!" she exclaims. "We've had to fight every inch of the way to maintain the scale, and yet we've still lost the five-and-dimes, pharmacies, and small grocery stores."

Peter Gass, an active member of the East & West of Castro Club, is also tired of being a neighborhood watchdog. He cites a house on Castro Street near 24th that was converted from residential to commercial space one floor at a time over a few years.

"We just can't keep expanding indiscriminately," Gass says.

Although he doesn't want to see the city spend tax dollars to defend itself, Gass has considered starting a fund to be used if a lawsuit becomes necessary, "to make the city fulfill their enforcement responsibilities."

So, are the zoning regulations against second-floor conversion being enforced? Not exactly.

City Planner Mary Gallagher says the "NCD Amnesty Program" was designed over a year ago to give building owners an opportunity to avoid citations by resolving zoning violations.

Her office compiled a list of more than 100 possible violators citywide, and began to wade through the myriad of interim zoning controls in effect when the sites' particular uses were initiated. In some cases, she said, representatives from the Planning Department made one or two visits to the addresses to see the current use for themselves.

Gallagher's records show 10 cases on 24th Street that have been under review,

and all pertain to second-floor usage. Of those cases, four addresses were found to have the proper building permits. Four others were found to have reverted to residential space, and thus are in compliance. Two other addresses are still being investigated, she said.

Another current amnesty case (not among Gallagher's 10) is that of Karim Salma's building at the corner of 24th and Sanchez, which houses Pergamino coffee store on the ground level. The building, which Salma has owned for over 15 years, contains several second-floor doctors' and therapists' offices.

According to a Planning Department spokesperson, Salma was informed that he lacks the proper permit for commercial use of the second floor.

Salma is seeking a conditional use permit, but expresses puzzlement over the controversy, claiming that no tenants have been displaced. "As long as I've owned the building, and long before that, the second floor has not been used as residential space," he said.

Philip Wolfson is a psychiatrist who has lived in Noe Valley since 1977 and occupied second-floor space in Salma's building since 1986. "We provide a vital service to the neighborhood," said Wolfson, "and I think that second-floor commercial use is necessary in Noe Valley."

Whether or not Salma's building wins a stamp of approval, the city's NCD Amnesty Program lapses in February of 1995, and it is unclear what form enforcement will take upon its expiration.

Zoning Administrator Robert Passmore says that neighborhood groups have continued to push for an effective enforcement policy, but he does not know whether the amnesty program will be extended, nor whether the Board of Supervisors will adopt some other program.

In the opinion of John Stalp, the city will definitely lapse into a laissez-faire mode, unless it gets a clear signal from Noe Valley residents.

"Enforcement has been heavily weighted toward those people who complain," he points out.

And if the people don't honk their horns, more cars surely will. "It's a quality of life issue," says Stalp, one that may be different for each person. "But it comes down to a simple question: Do you want the neighborhood to be more commercially intensive or not?" □

The next hearing of the San Francisco Planning Commission will take place on July 7, 1:30 p.m., in Room 282 at City Hall. It is open to the public. For further information, call 558-6414.

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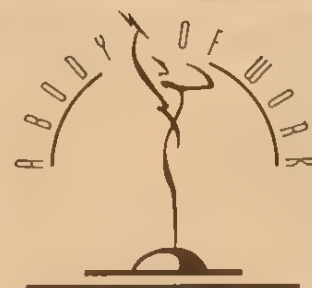
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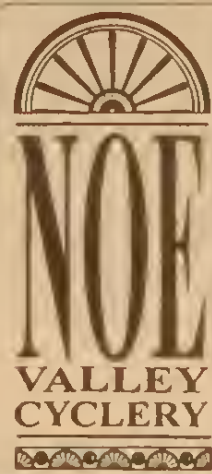
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3 Whippets And a Lady

By Steve Steinberg

Thirteen years ago, Genny Holland saw her first whippet. She promptly fell in love with the lean, agile breed—which looks like a small greyhound—and decided she would get one of the dogs as soon as she could provide a proper home.

Holland's dream came true, and today she shares her Church Street house with three of the lanky dogs—a 4-year-old male, Ohi Tila, whose name is Sioux for "one who is considered stouthearted"; a 2-year-old female, Allyson; and little Tule, also a female, who's only 9½ months.

What is it about these dogs that is so appealing to Holland? "I love their athleticism and spirit," she says. "They would do anything to please you. The dogs are very loyal and intelligent."

But Holland's three whippets are not just her companions. They're also her racing stable. She enters them in amateur whippet-racing events all over Northern California and Oregon.

To those who may raise their eyebrows at the idea of dog racing, Holland emphasizes the amateur nature of the sport. No purses are paid, and no betting is allowed, although she concedes that some unofficial wagering may take place at the tracks. People who race the dogs do so for the love of the breed.

It's a real pleasure, she says, to watch whippets run. "They have a specialized, double-suspension gait. All four paws actually get off the ground. It looks like they're flying."

Because their owners race them primarily for fun, the dogs are not subject to the same kind of performance pressure as the larger and faster greyhounds who compete for money at professional dog tracks around the country.

"We don't kill 10,000 whippets a year," says Holland, referring to the outrageously high number of greyhounds that are disposed of annually because their racing days are over (or if they're not up to competitive stature).

Actually, before the 1930s, Holland notes, whippets were run for money the same as greyhounds. Then the greyhound lobby forced the whippets out.

Holland takes her dogs to tracks meets an average of twice a month. Permanent tracks don't exist in California (although they do in Oregon), so the courses have to be improvised whenever a competition is held.



When it's not a day at the races, Genny Holland's whippets Allyson and Ohi (right) can flake out on the couch. PHOTOS BY BEVERLY THARP

The dogs, who can run up to 35 miles per hour, race in three kinds of events: lure coursing, which is a simulated rabbit hunt over an irregular open field of 700 to 1,000 yards; oval track racing, in which the dogs chase a lure around a 220- to 440-yard track (similar to greyhound tracks); and 200-yard sprints, in which the dogs chase a rabbit lure over a straight course.

The use of a rabbit lure to motivate whippets is appropriate, since they were originally bred in the British Isles to help peasants chase down rabbits that were devouring crops.

According to Holland, whippets evolved from a greyhound-terrier cross approximately 300 years ago. The breed became standardized, with its own pedigree, in the 1800s.

Whippets have become so popular, notes Holland, that over 300 whippet clubs and associations have been formed throughout the United States. Northern California has three such organizations. One of them, Northern California Whippet Rescue, helps reunite lost whippets with their owners, and seeks out good homes for homeless whippets.

Racing whippets have official standings

among fanciers and receive points for first- and second-place finishes. If a dog acquires a certain number of points, it is judged to be a champion.

Ohi Tila, Holland's 4-year-old male, has acquired championship status. To remain competitive, he needs a high-fat, high-protein diet and lots of exercise. To that end, Holland walks all three of her dogs three to five miles each day.

One of her walking routes takes her along 24th Street, where people have come to call her "The Whippet Lady," a nickname she doesn't mind at all.

All that walking has been great for Holland, too. She has been disabled for the past three years with a severe back injury, but "the dogs have helped rehabilitate me," she says.

Originally from New Jersey, where she always had a dog while growing up (but no whippets), Holland, 47, moved to California in 1984 and has lived in Noe Valley since 1989. She worked as a registered nurse for 24 years before she injured her back.

Lately, she has been volunteering at Mission Education Center, an elementary school lodged within Kate Kennedy School on Noe Street, which serves

mostly Hispanic immigrant children. She has been so moved by her experiences working with the children that she's planning to change her career and become a teacher.

This spring she gave a presentation with her dogs at the school. She also took a fourth-grade class on a field trip to Upper Noe Recreation Center, at Day and Sanchez streets. The kids got to walk and tend Ohi Tila, Allyson, and Tule, and watch them go through their paces.

After the whippets ran, the children staged their own "whippet-style" race, with each kid winning a ribbon, no matter what place they finished in.

The dogs proved to be a real thrill for the children, some of whom had dogs as pets in their native countries, but were forced to give them up when their families moved here.

"They're beautiful," said fourth-grader Pedro Nuila, of Guatemala. "They really run fast."

"I would like to have a whippet, too," said Gian Prieto, of Peru.

If you want to learn more about whippets, or perhaps adopt or buy one of the dogs, call Northern California Whippet Rescue at (510) 736-7340. □



In May Genny Holland's students at Mission Education Center led whippets Tule, Allyson, and Ohi (No. 3) in a romp at Upper Noe Park.

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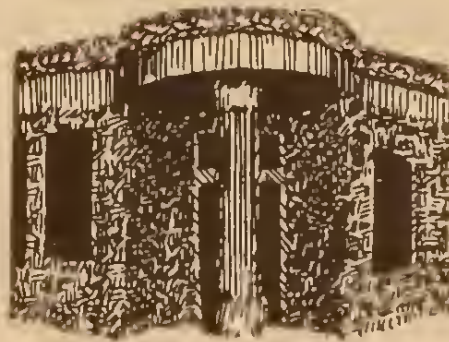
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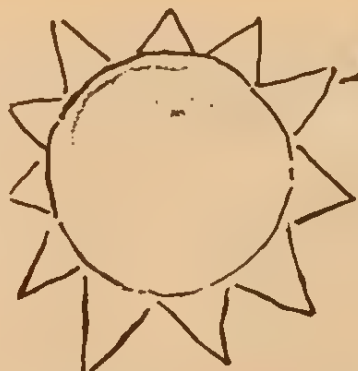
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No Surprises At Mayor's Town Hall

By Alex Chase

Those who attended last month's Noe Valley Town Hall were given the opportunity to directly voice their concerns to Mayor Frank Jordan and members of his administration.

"It gives you a perspective that you just don't get sitting at home and reading the paper or watching the news," said Joe Fusco of Chattanooga Street.

However, the less-than-two-hour event was still pretty much the mayor's show.

The meeting, co-sponsored by the Mayor's Office and four neighborhood organizations—Upper Noe Neighbors, Friends of Noe Valley, the Noe Valley Democratic Club, and the East & West of Castro Street Improvement Club—was held on June 2 at James Lick Middle School on Noe Street. The audience of approximately 50 people appeared to be somewhat sparse, especially in the context of the school's spacious auditorium.

"I know there is some concern about why I don't walk the neighborhoods here," the mayor said in his opening remarks. "I do walk the neighborhoods, but I haven't done them in any official capacity."

He explained that he makes 36 official visits to various neighborhoods throughout the city each year. "So that's 36 different times that I go out to some neighborhood in the course of the year, just to get a feel for what I'm doing and have unfiltered information from me to the citizens and the residents. I find that that's the best way I can make progress."

Jordan then complimented Noe Valley residents for their conscientious involvement in public affairs.

"This is a very vibrant, active neighborhood with very good people who want to make sure that they continue to upgrade the neighborhood. I think your sense of priorities is excellent when it comes to looking at what you need to do to make sure the neighborhood is working for all of you."

The city's budget problems were a recurring theme during his presentation. "I've yet to be able to use the word 'surplus' in anything I've done since I've



Friends of Noe Valley member Bill Kuhns (left) was one of the 50 or so residents who greeted Mayor Frank Jordan at a Town Hall at James Lick School June 2. PHOTO BY BEVERLY THARP

been the mayor of San Francisco. It has not been easy."

Noting that he began his term as mayor in 1992 with a \$300 million deficit and that last year it was down to \$220 million, Jordan patted himself on the back for his new 1994-95 budget (where he faced a \$102 million deficit), which he had completed and presented to the Board of Supervisors the previous day. "I did not raise one additional penny of taxes."

The mayor's budget will cut back on small business taxes by approximately \$6 million, make public safety a top priority, and cut out approximately 300 positions in city government, he said. It will also increase the number of juvenile probation officers, add 30 new ambulance drivers and three more ambulances, and keep the library budget intact.

"That's an important one to me," Jordan said. "As long as I'm mayor of San Francisco, there will not be neighborhood libraries closing."

Other items in his proposed budget are full staffing of the Police Department and a requirement that at least 50 officers be assigned to public transit at all times, regardless of what the circumstances are in other parts of the city.

"This budget has been balanced," he said, "but it's not over yet. In November we're going to have to look at charter reform, and I'm going to need your assistance, because if we don't [revise the

charter], I will have the same position of budget deficits next June as I have now."

Jordan's statement referred to the city's three-year contract with the Service Employees International Union, which comes due next year. "That's \$90 million I don't have," he said. There are also 31 labor union contracts coming due in different departments of city government.

"I really want to make this city work," the mayor concluded. "My priorities have to be your priorities, and I want to make sure that I'm attuned to them. So give me an opportunity to help you."

In the question-and-answer session that followed, audience members expressed concern about such diverse topics as the lack of parking on 24th Street, neighborhood safety, Muni reliability, the threat of library cutbacks, and the nuisance caused by the proliferation of car alarms.

"We're hearing three or four car alarms a day, and it's a problem that can't be solved until we get some legislation that says if a car's alarm is going off and there's nobody breaking into the car, they should get a ticket or something," said Fusco, who was among the dozen or so residents who spoke from the floor.

Fusco also advised the mayor that "our cable rates are extremely high. Viacom has got some extremely questionable business practices," he added.

Upper Noe Neighbors member Janice Gendreau, who was moderating the meet-

ing, voiced her group's desire to see more accountability in city government. She said she was dismayed by the "failure of Rec and Park to remove graffiti from a wall in the Upper Noe Recreation Center for over four years. We were told that the work orders were written, but nothing ever happened," she said.

Jordan addressed the graffiti problem by explaining how the city's Graffiti Van Program works. By calling 241-WASH, residents can summon a van whose driver will match the paint on the vandalized wall using computer coding and paint over the graffiti with the same color.

As for cable rates and the car-alarm issue, he said he would look into both issues.

Army Street resident Miriam Blaustein, a longtime member of Friends of Noe Valley, told the mayor that simply keeping the libraries open by converting them to reading centers was not enough. "Libraries should be open on Saturdays and Sundays," she said. "The library hours are so horrendous that many people who want to use them can't get to them."

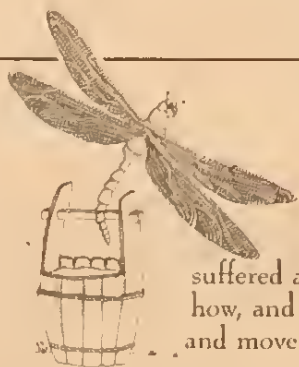
She also noted that the public library was the smallest item in the city budget. In a city the stature of San Francisco, she said, "it's not civilized not to have a [decent] library." (Editor's note: With the passage of Proposition E on June 7, the branch libraries should now have a guaranteed share of the city budget. See story, page 19.)

Other residents soaked up the proceedings or conferred with representatives of various city departments who remained after the mayor left to attend another meeting at 9 p.m.

Chattanooga Street resident Polly Wirtz commented that "it was really interesting. I learned about the issues, and I feel that there really are people out there trying to solve some of them."

Carolyn Tavares, the mayor's liaison for Noe Valley, also seemed pleased with the Town Hall. "We will definitely follow up with all the questions that the mayor was not able to give you a definite answer on," she said.

Though the neighborhood groups that co-sponsored the event were slightly disappointed with the turnout, they nevertheless thought the Town Hall was worthwhile. "I think it could have used more publicity and brought more people out, because this is a very active neighborhood and we love it," said Blaustein, of Friends. "But I thought it was good." □



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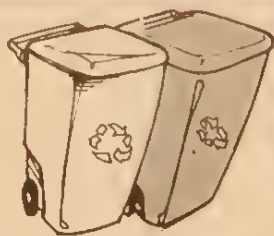


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Crime Tally for April and May

By Officer Lois Perillo

Thanks for all the positive feedback about last month's column, which was devoted to safer bicycle riding. I especially liked the message from the man who said he cut out the article and posted it on the fridge for his children to read. One last word on the topic: Although it's true that only youths under 18 are required to wear a helmet, it is a good idea for all of us.

Meanwhile, crime marches on. However, we've put a dent in it. My part of Noe Valley logged three robberies in April and two in May.

On April 13 at about 2:15 p.m., a man who simulated carrying a gun robbed the Bank of America and fled on foot. No one was injured, and Inspector Thomas Horan is handling the case.

At Guerrero and 22nd streets, a 30-year-old man was jumped by two other men in their 20s who knocked him down, punched him, and stole his wallet before fleeing. The mugging occurred about 9 p.m. on April 19, and was reported two days later.

A 62-year-old man who lives on the 800 block of Diamond Street was surprised on April 24 at 12:30 a.m. by a 20-year-old man who approached from behind and pushed him inside his home. The men struggled, and the suspect cut the targeted man with a knife, inflicting "superficial" wounds, according to the reporting officer. A second male suspect joined the fray, overpowering the targeted man, ripping his clothing and stealing his wallet. Both men fled. The targeted man declined immediate medical aid, and our Crime Scene Investigation unit responded to the scene.

On May 12 at 1 a.m., a 27-year-old man who was walking on Dolores at 23rd Street heard running from behind and turned to see a man in his early 20s running toward him. The suspect pinned the targeted man's arms, and a second suspect held an unknown weapon to his head while pushing him to the ground. The suspects took the man's wallet, and a third suspect took his guitar. One of the suspects hit the victim on the head, and all three fled. Paramedics responded and treated the man for a head contusion.

A 16-year-old male was mugged at 21st and Chattanooga streets by two other 16-year-old males while he waited for the

J-Church streetcar on Saturday, May 28, at 1 p.m. The two suspects punched the targeted teen and rifled through his pants pockets, stealing his wallet.

Tips on Street Safety

At this point, I'd like to stop and give you a few tips on avoiding a mugging:

☛ **BE VIGILANT**—always be aware of your surroundings.

☛ Consider using a personal alarm. (There is a 110-decibel type that is activated by a pull of a cord; it runs on a 9-volt battery and costs as little as \$10.)

☛ Use the buddy system: travel with a friend.

☛ Know that it is okay to run, yell, and bang on a stranger's door when you are threatened. (Suspects count on catching you in their headlights; in other words, they expect you to freeze.)

☛ Use the scenario method: if I am confronted with X, I will respond with A, B, or C. If you prepare for an encounter, you'll be better able to react and escape harm.

☛ Trust your gut feeling.

☛ Be prepared to react. But doing nothing is also a valid choice.

Burglaries Dip Slightly

There were 15 reported burglaries within my area of Noe Valley during April—10 residential, 2 commercial, 1 church, 1 garage, and 1 construction site.

Seven occurred on Sundays, usually during the early morning hours. Three happened on Wednesdays.

May showed about a 20 percent drop in burglaries. There were 12—7 residential, 4 commercial, and 1 at a school. Six took place on weekends, while 3 occurred on Wednesdays (I can't explain why).

Police arrested a 19-year-old man who broke into his former girlfriend's home on the 500 block of Hill Street on May 18 at 4:20 a.m. He was charged with burglary and battery.

Shoplifting No Longer Just for Fun

Ever since Just for Fun, the gift store on 24th near Noe, installed an electronic-magnetic sensor and attached "mag-tags" to their merchandise (which are demagnetized upon purchase), the store staffers have caught thief after thief. And the district attorney's office is prosecuting.

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sounds, and the staff detains the suspect. Most people don't flee, and an interesting theft method has come to light: some of the people caught stealing had actually purchased an item, often a more expensive one, then stolen another.

Is this a form of kleptomania or an illegal attempt to narrow the store's profit margin? Only the suspect knows for sure. One thing is certain—the store's system is working to expose thieving ways, whatever the motivation.

Garage Sale Etiquette

Other small merchants who smart from profit loss due to theft are residents who hold garage sales. (See this month's Letters section, page 2, for advice on how to avoid ripoffs at a garage sale. —Ed.)

While the S.F.P.D. party line on garage sales is that they are technically illegal, the unofficial rule is that it is okay to have two sales per year, directly in front of your residence and outside a business district. You must provide a walkway for pedestrians, ideally the width of two or more sidewalk squares. Please discourage double parking by your customers, especially if you live near an intersection.

For the record, a business cannot give you permission to set up adjacent or around the corner from the store. Any exceptions must be heard and approved by the Planning Commission.

If you live within a business district and want to hold a garage sale, contact a friend who lives in a residential area and combine your sales for the day. But consider the flea market alternative if you plan more than two sales per year. Ongoing weekly sales are not only illegal, they are rude and disruptive to the community. You also could check with the city's Arts Commission if your product is self-made and you wish to get a permit entitling you to sell in pre-approved sidewalk spots.

Brandishing Weapons Not Allowed

Thanks to an alert resident, a BB gun and a knife were seized from two 30-year-old men on May 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Police got a call that a man who was seated in a green Volvo parked at 23rd and Church streets was "playing with a gun." Officers William Murray, Omar Bueno, and Ray Austin handled the potentially dangerous call.

Initially the suspects refused the officers' command that they exit the vehicle hands up and lie face down, which is standard procedure for this type of call. The officers then physically removed the suspects and searched the car.

The weapons were seized and marked for destruction, and the detained men were advised and released, upon the on-scene supervisor's discretion.

Woman's Histrionics Pay Off

A 40-year-old man who acted erratically and threatened a 30-year-old woman at 24th and Church streets on May 26 at around 10 a.m. was caught by police and detained at S.F. General Hospital's Psychiatric Emergency Services, pending evaluation.

Yelling and brandishing a broken bottle, the man ran toward the woman, who responded by running into the street and yelling for help. When several people came to her aid, the man ran away. He was spotted by officers several blocks north of 24th Street and chased by officers Bill Brunicardi and Steve Mulkeen, who caught him and took him to the hospital.

Kudos to the woman for her evasive action and to the community members for their involvement.

Until next time, be safe. See you on patrol. □

Officer Lois Perillo is a member of the San Francisco Police Department's community police officer program. Her beat centers on 24th Street and extends from 21st and Grand View to Army and Valencia streets. She can be reached at Mission Police Station at 647-2767.

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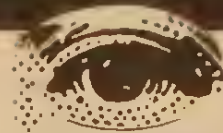
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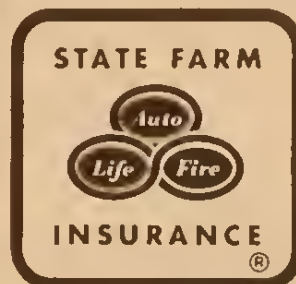
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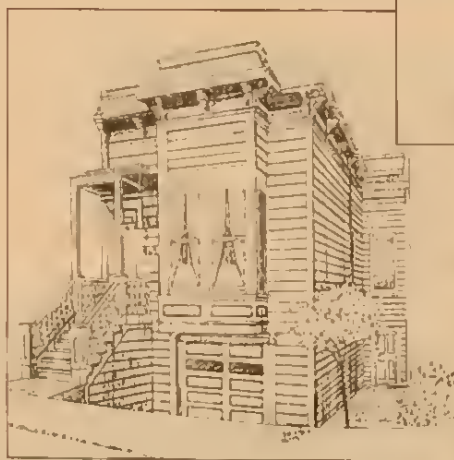
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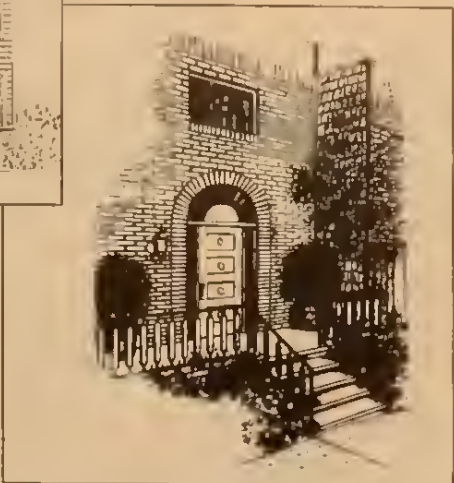
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The Library Has a Fairy Godmother: The Voters

By Loren J. Bialik

Who hasn't fantasized about winning the lottery? Well, for the San Francisco Public Library, which has faced an uphill battle for funding for the past seven years, that dream just came true!

In the June 7 primary election, an overwhelming majority of the voters (70 percent) approved Proposition E, which compels the city to set aside a specific portion of its budget for a new Library Preservation Fund. Essentially, the citizens ordered the powers-that-be to keep all the branches open, to increase the hours of operation, to acquire new books and other materials, and to adequately fund library programs and services through the year 2010.

More than \$200 million is expected to be infused into the library system during Prop. E's 15-year term. And for 1994-95, the library's budget should reach \$34 million, \$13.7 million above the current level of spending.

"I think it's great that people have shown their support for the library and that such a large majority voted in favor of it," says Roberta Greifer, head librarian at the Noe Valley-Sally Brunn Library on Jersey Street.

Though Noe Valley's hours have remained the same since 1976—a total of 30, spread out over Tuesday through Saturday—Greifer hopes that the branch can extend its hours to include Saturday mornings and an additional evening. (Currently, Wednesday is the only day with evening hours.)

She also anticipates receiving funds to purchase new books, perhaps as soon as this month.

In a special meeting of the San Francisco Library Commission held June 14, the commissioners unanimously approved spending \$1 million to buy 30,000 new books for the first quarter of the fiscal year, which begins July 1. Some of that money is earmarked for books for branches like Noe Valley.

Branches like the Mission Library on 24th Street, which have seen their hours reduced over the years, will return to 1987-88 levels of service, as mandated by the measure.

Prop. E dictates that the entire system be open a minimum of 1,028 hours per week, up from the current 754 hours. And those libraries that had been converted to reading centers during the '80s and early '90s will most likely revert to full-service branches. Additional hours aren't expected to be in place until January 1995, however.

If you're one of the unemployed in San Francisco, you might do well to consider a job with the San Francisco Public Library. To staff the library's new expanded hours, new positions will have to be filled.

According to Gloria Hanson, assistant chief of branches, "Right now, the library is reviewing personnel classifications to see about hiring new staff. Those classifications haven't been reviewed in 20 years."

Another requirement of Prop. E is that the library must conduct a survey and hold public hearings to ascertain what the city's residents desire, including specific hours of operation. The survey, which may be conducted by an outside contractor to assure accuracy and lack of bias, is expected to cost between \$14,000 and \$25,000.

Once the commission resolves how to spend the rest of the money, the library must submit a budget to the mayor and Board of Supervisors for approval.

Asked whether she thought the money could get waylaid or diverted to other uses, such as the seismic retrofitting of some of the shaky branches like Noe Valley, Hanson said, "The people have spoken. There would probably be a public



outrery if we spent the money on anything other than hours and books."

As for Librarian Greifer, she's still pinching herself. After close to a decade of belt-tightening, "I now have the attitude: I'll believe it when I see it," she says.

But if the library has indeed been saved, "I'll be very happy. At last, we're not going to have to deal with this [threats of cuts in services] year after year."

The full Library Commission meets the first Tuesday of the month (July 5 and Aug. 2) at 5:30 p.m. in the Lurie Room of the Main Library. □

Seven Libraries Add an Extra Day This Summer

Seven branch libraries—those in low-income areas with large child populations—will be open an additional day from July 1 through Sept. 3, as part of the Mayor's Summer Library Program.

Among the libraries affected are the Mission Branch, 3459 24th St. (near Valencia), which will now be open on Monday; the Portola Branch (Friday); Ocean View (Tuesday); Bayview (Saturday); and the Chinatown and Excelsior branches (Monday).

In addition, all branch libraries, including the Noe Valley Library at 451 Jersey St., will feature special summer programs of singers, dancers, storytellers, and puppeteers.

The Mayor's Library Program will feature a summer employment program for teenagers, who will work with pages during the additional open hours.

For further information, call the Mayor's Assistance office at 554-7111. □

THE PHOTO LESSON

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On an outing at Douglass Park, mom Amrit Rai shows daughter Chelsea Small how to capture big sister Raia on film. "Now say cheese."

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Summer Fun for Kids

If you're still looking for ways to keep the kids busy this summer, one nearby treasure trove of activities is the Columbia Park Boys Club, 450 Guerrero St. (at 17th Street). The club offers a wide range of activities for both boys (ages 7 to 18) and girls (ages 14 to 18), and the annual membership fee is only \$5.

Summer drop-in hours for members are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, from June 21 through Sept. 3. Kids can choose from among arts and crafts workshops, computer labs, drawing, sculpture, painting, outdoor sports such as baseball, flag football, and mini-soccer, and daily tournaments in pool, foosball, and shuffleboard.

The club has also planned summer excursions to a Giants game, Great America, and Raging Waters. Ten-day stays at Camp Mendocino are also available for members 7 to 14 years old. For further information, call 861-8232 or 861-5346.

Back here in the neighborhood, Cover to Cover Booksellers is holding a series of free events for young book lovers on Saturdays from now through Aug. 27.

Each Saturday a story hour will take place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., featuring professional tale-spinner Walter the Giant Storyteller. Also scheduled to appear is

This month's Short Takes were written by Jim Christie.

SHORT TAKES

storybook character Madeline, the precocious French schoolgirl of picture-book fame, who will visit on July 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

And that's not all. On Aug. 13 at 3 p.m., Jerry and Catherine Graham, authors of the book *Complete Bay Area Backroads*, will be giving a special presentation about places to go and things to do with kids in the Bay Area.

Cover to Cover is located at 3910 24th St. Contact Tracy Wynne at 282-8080 for further details.

Last but not least, check out the Randall Museum, which is offering hands-on classes for kids of all ages every Saturday in July, starting with collage-painting on July 2. Other workshops include making personalized corkboards (July 9), making Japanese paper puppets (July 16), studying live crabs (July 23), and creating pop-up cards with faces on them (July 30).

There also will be free animal talks every Saturday at 2:15 p.m., a model railroad exhibit from 1 to 4 p.m. on July 9 and 23, and drop-in family ceramics workshops Saturdays at 10 a.m.

Class sign-ups begin at 12:30 p.m., and the one- to two-hour classes start at 1 p.m. Fees are \$3 or \$4 per person depending on the class, and children under 8 years old should be accompanied by an adult.

The Randall Museum is located at 199 Museum Way, just north of Market Street and west of Castro Street, near the Corona Heights Playground, and there is plenty of free parking. For more information call 554-9600.

A Plea for Party Planners

Upper Noe Neighbors member Janice Gendreau has put out the call for volunteers to help with the 1994 Noe Valley Neighborhood Party. The community-wide event is scheduled to take place on Oct. 2 at Upper Noe Valley Recreation Center (Sanchez and 30th streets), but Gendreau is starting to organize and plan for the party now.

The Upper Noe Neighbors, Friends of Noe Valley, and the East & West of Castro Street Improvement Club have all collaborated to make the party a success in past years, and Gendreau anticipates another great day of friends, food, music, and entertainment this year.

If you can lend a hand, give Gendreau a call at 641-5989.

Future World Cup Winners

The San Francisco Vikings Soccer League invites all San Francisco girls and boys ages 5 to 19 to join a soccer team for the Fall 1994 season.

League games throughout the city will take place on Saturdays, from mid-September to mid-December, and each team will play 10 games.

The league's final registration day will be Saturday, July 23, at St. Francis Episcopal Church, at the corner of Ocean Avenue and San Fernando Way, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The fee is \$37.50 for 5-year-olds and \$50 for all others. Registrants should bring a 1-inch photo and a copy of their birth certificate.

According to Steve Valdespino of the Vikings Soccer Club, there are over 160 teams of various age groups citywide—some mixed gender and others strictly boys' or girls' teams. The popular program drew about 1,800 kids last fall.

Application packets can be picked up at Sunset Soccer Supply, next door to the Vikings Soccer Club at 3208 Irving St. (near 33rd Avenue), or registrants can just show up at St. Francis Church on July 23. For information call 753-3152.

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Veva Edelson and Brad Levy are co-owners of the Firefly, a 24th Street restaurant that's currently buzzing with activity. PHOTO BY BEVERLY THARP.

Two Chefs Serve up Hot New Menus

By Jeff Koliss

In the past year, there have been new aromas drawing Noe Valley diners up the neighborhood's westward flanks and also spreading the fame of two restaurants into the city press and beyond.

Both the Firefly, at 4288 24th St., and Bacco Ristorante, a couple of blocks away at 737 Diamond St., have made favorable impressions on the *San Francisco Chronicle's* pink section. Other raves have appeared in the *Morin Independent Journal*, the *San Francisco Bay Guardian*, *Bay Times*, and on KGO Radio.

Firefly Has No Ethnic Boundaries

Brad Levy, co-owner and chef at the Firefly, also placed among the hot young chefs in a separate *Chronicle* feature.

"I guess it was just being in the right place at the right time," says Levy. "I've lived in the neighborhood for a long time, and it always seemed like there was a market for a restaurant like this."

In the early '80s, while studying at the California Culinary Academy in Mill Valley, Levy flipped eggs at the well-remembered Acme Cafe, which once occupied La Casona's spot on 24th Street. He went on to Mill Valley's Avenue Grill, and after a year of travel in France, opened the Embarko Restaurant on the Embarcadero, where he cooked with Veva Edelson, his current partner at the Firefly.

"I'd been trying to eat in Noe Valley for a long time," says Levy, who now lives in Bernal Heights. "Hamano Sushi is one of my favorite restaurants, but a lot of them were successful here just because of the need. It wasn't coming from a passion or a desire to really please their clientele."

Last fall, Edelson and Levy took over what had been La Roca, on 24th near Douglass. "It was at a price we could afford," says Edelson, who lives on Potrero Hill. "We wanted to be a neighborhood restaurant, and we liked that it was a little off the beaten path. With the atmosphere, we wanted it to be very homey."

"It was funny when the *Guardian* review came out and accused us of forced minimalism with intentionally mismatched chairs," adds Levy. "Well, try to find matched ones at garage sales!"

The Firefly's cuisine matches its look. "People call up who've heard about us and don't know what kind of food we serve, and I give them a very ambiguous answer," says Edelman.

"We serve great home-style cooking with no ethnic boundaries. We have influences from East Asia, Japan, Europe, South America, and Africa. Basically it's American food, because in America you'd find all these ethnic influences."

The menu changes each week. "We're not afraid, even if something sells well, to put something else in its place when we have no idea how well it might do," notes Edelman. "At other restaurants, a large part of what goes into the food is just marketing, even when everyone is bored with making something."

To keep their culinary and serving staff stimulated and knowledgeable, Levy and Edelman involve them in wine tastings. "Most of the wines are Californian, though Chilean wines are great right now," says Edelman. "We like the list to be balanced, with nothing over \$30."

"The cost of the ingredients is certainly some consideration, but it's primarily fine quality," says Levy. "Purveyors know me, like Diamond Meats, which sells to Chez Panisse, Stars, and Zuni, and specializes in hormone-free, properly treated animals. I think the Noe Valley clientele appreciates that: they know where the meat is coming from and that it's been treated with respect."

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GRANDMA ROSE'S CHICKEN SOUP *with Matzo Balls*

Firefly Restaurant chef and co-owner Brad Levy drew upon his personal roots for this recipe for chicken soup and matzo balls. He says Grandma Rose's family-size recipe serves 10, but can be cut in half or refrigerated for later use.

Chicken Soup

2-3 large chickens or 1 capon
3 medium carrots, peeled whole
1 small yam or 1/2 large yam, scrubbed
6 yellow onions, peeled whole
2 ribs celery
A small handful of black peppercorns

Rinse chicken and remove large pieces of fat. Place in large stock pot and cover with vegetables. Add just enough cold water to cover all, and bring to a boil. Then lower heat and let simmer uncovered for 3-4 hours, or until chicken falls apart when barely touched. Pour soup through strainer and let stand at least 1/2 hour. Skim off fat with ladle or large spoon. Season with salt and white pepper.

Levy notes, "Some grandmas have been known to serve all the makings into bowls. If you wish to do this, skim the fat without straining it. My grandma, on the other hand, served straight-up broth with one big hunk of the cooked carrot and a perfect matzo ball."

Perfect Matzo Balls

2 cups matzo meal
1 t. salt
1 t. sugar
2 t. baking powder
8 eggs
4 t. vegetable oil

In a large bowl, combine matzo meal, salt, sugar, and baking powder. In another bowl, mix eggs and oil until well combined. Add egg mixture to matzo mix and stir until well combined. Cover with plastic wrap and let stand 20 minutes. In a large pot with a well-fitting lid, bring water to boil. (Water can be lightly salted.) With wet hands, form the mixture into 1-inch-diameter balls, and place on wet pan or plate. Drop balls one by one into boiling water. Boil exactly six minutes from the dropping of the last ball, turn off heat, cover tightly, and let stand 20 minutes. Spoon matzo balls into chicken soup.

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in, and it's gone by the end of the day."

Bacco's Traditional Italian Cuisine

Vincenzo Cucco, chef at Bacco, and co-owner Paolo Dominici faced the same challenge as the Firefly folks when they took over the Diamond Street Restaurant space last fall.

"We didn't have a lot of money, so we had to do all the remodeling by ourselves," says Dominici, a darkly handsome young man who speaks, like his partner, with a lyrical Italian accent and idiosyncratic syntax.

"What we wanted to do was to give a look like a rustic country house in Tuscany, with terra-cotta and walls that look like a big wide room with fireplace inside—a rosy color, warm."

The menu reflects Cucco's many years of culinary experience both in Italy and in San Francisco. "What we do is very typical, traditional regional dishes that have been around for hundreds of years," says Dominici. "We are not doing nouvelle nothing."

"What generally the reviewers say," adds Cucco, "is even though the menu may look like a lot of other Italian restaurants, the difference is in the way we execute."

There's a great deal of care behind Bacco's gustatory tours, which take diners from the *gnocchi al sugo d'agnello* of Sardinia, and the *involtino* of Sicily, to the *pollo farcito* and *tiramisu* of northern Italy.

"I get the grating cheese—parmigiana—that comes from Italy and may cost three times as much as the cheapest thing," notes Cucco. "We get Proveni veal, which is the best you can get. Some people get vitteloni, which is more cow than veal. And when the tomatoes are no good, whatever we have on the menu which has fresh tomato, we don't make it."

Generally he retains some of the menu items that have been praised in reviews, to satisfy customer demand.

"You can tell when they're ready for something new," says Cucco, "so we always have five, six specials every day. And the wine list is growing. We have a fair variety of California wines, but we specialize in Italian wines—we have at least one representation for each region, to match the wine with the food."

Business Is Booming

"You don't make the money they used to make 10 years ago," Bacco's Dominici says. "But it's more satisfying in the sense that people appreciate when you do what is authentic."

Although Dominici and Cucco take particular pride in drawing Italian diners from the consulate and elsewhere, they're pleased with their Noe Valley clientele.

"They're the kind of people you want—30, 40, 50, that age group. They've been traveling and are more educated as far as food goes," says Cucco. "And they are much more relaxed, too—"

"When it comes to putting hands on the wallet," interposes Dominici.

"It's much better to be where people live than where people go," says Firefly's Edelman. "A lot of times we'll have people sitting at separate tables who know each other and go 'Hi!' It brings a real sense of community."

In fact, both Bacco and the Firefly, which seat 70 and 56 diners respectively, found that demand quickly exceeded their modest expectations. The crush of walk-ins and reservations generated an anxiety that threatened the desired neighborhoodly ambience.

"Our policy is that the customer is always right, but there is a limit—he can't walk all over you," says Dominici, noting that a small percentage of reservations are late-shows or no-shows.

He points out that this behavior ends



up aggravating neighborhood diners who remember the days of less competition for a table.

"They say, 'I always walk into my restaurant, and now, you guys, what do you think you are that I have to make a reservation?' They think you turn them away because you like to!"

"Some people take it better than others," reports Edelman about similar scenes around the corner.

"A lot of people who come here are neighborhood people who've been here before and have become our friends. And when they come, they know the situation. We have wine that we give people who are waiting, and if the wait is long, I'll send them some pot stickers to tide them over. But some people would like to hate us because they're not getting what they want."

Both places advise reserving several days in advance, particularly for peak times. And they assure their customers that once they are seated, they can expect relaxed and competent service.

"I like to have Italian waiters," says Dominici, "because even if you're not a cook, you know what's in the dish because you grew up with that dish."

"When we were looking for people to work for us, it was not so much for their experience in fine dining," says Edelman. "A lot of people who work here have other interests, in dance or art or massage therapy, but all of the things they do in their lives are giving things."

There's a healthy give-and-take, also, between the two competing kitchens.

"They've horrowed a few pounds of butter, and we owe them a half gallon of cream," Levy reveals. "We both came around at the same time, we both got a lot of acclaim, but we're very different restaurants. And it seems like there's enough room for both of us." □

Bacco chef Vincenzo Cucco is not only a culinary artist, but a soccer fan. He showed off a World Cup replica at his Diamond Street restaurant last month. PHOTO BY BEVERLY THARP

ORECCHIETTE ALLE RAPE STRASCINATE (Little Ears Pasta with Broccoli)

"I don't have any favorite recipes. It's like asking a mom which is your favorite baby," maintains Vincenzo Cucco, chef at Bacco Ristorante on Diamond near 24th Street. Still, Cucco is happy to share one of his concoctions, a tasty pasta and broccoli dish.

1 lb. orecchiette (little pasta ears)
1 bunch broccoli rape
(long-stemmed broccoli)
1 clove chopped garlic
1 T. extra-virgin olive oil
Pinch crushed red pepper
1/2 t. anchovy paste

Blanch the broccoli about 10 minutes. Cool in running water, and reserve water.

In a large sauté pan, combine the oil, garlic, anchovy paste, and red pepper, and heat on medium flame. When the garlic is gold in color, add the broccoli and a little salt.

Cook the pasta in the reserved water *al dente*, drain, and add to the sauce. Heat mixture in sauté pan two minutes longer on low flame. Serve with grated pecorino cheese sprinkled on top. (Serves four.)



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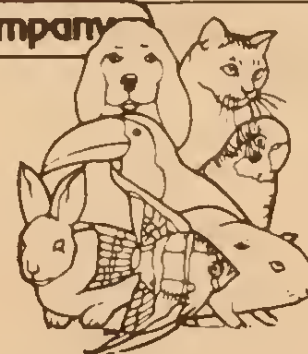
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A Quilt Artist Who's Not Boxed in by Tradition

By Michele Lynn

The vibrantly-colored cotton stretched on the frame in quilt artist Ann Carroll's home more closely resembles a painting than a traditional quilt. And while another patchwork quilt might invite you to cozy up with it in bed, Carroll's creation makes you step back and marvel, enjoying the play of optical illusions and three-dimensional effects that are her forte.

Carroll, 45, creates her work in the living room of the Noe Street flat she shares with graphic designer husband John and their pit bull-boxer mix, Trouble (who is friendlier than her breeding and name suggest). A northern window frames a Noe Valley vista that stretches to the Bay Bridge and beyond, and is highlighted by the spires of St. Paul's Church in the foreground.

Carroll jokes, "On a clear day, we can almost do traffic reports." The couple moved to the apartment last August, "even though we didn't have to move," says Carroll. "This is our first view in all the years we've lived here."

Carroll came to San Francisco from Phoenix in 1967, just in time for the Summer of Love, she notes. Soon after arriving in town, she met John Carroll, with whom she recently celebrated 25 years of marriage. The Carrolls have lived off and on in Noe Valley since 1969.

Ann Carroll made her first quilt—a traditional patchwork using the "Baby Blocks" pattern—when she was pregnant with her daughter, Johanna. "Quilting can be social, and I would get together with other young mothers in the neighborhood to make quilts," she recalls.

When Johanna (now 22) was a toddler who balked at bedtime, Carroll made another coverlet for her daughter, this one an "activity" quilt in a windowpane pattern.

"It had a zipper, things that twirl around, and places where she could keep things," Carroll explains.

Although the design didn't quite have the desired effect on Johanna ("You can lead a little girl to bed, but you can't make her sleep," she says wryly), it did push Carroll to extend her creativity past the traditional quilting forms.

In 1980, another event steered her toward quilting as a fulltime vocation. "I was diagnosed with a disease which left me unable to work outside the house," she says.

Over the next two years, Carroll began devoting more time to her craft, and in 1982 her friend Beverly Hennessey (who now represents Carroll) suggested that she display her work in a show.

"Once I got the quilts off the bed and stopped thinking of them as utilitarian, it was liberating," recounts Carroll. In addition, she discovered that, like it or not, "art commands more respect than craft."

Carroll's art represents a unique combination of high technology and traditional craft. She starts out with a computer loaded with "lots of RAM and sophisticated design software," and then works her way down. "The technology gets lower and lower, until I end up with a needle and thread in my hand."

She used to design her quilts the old-fashioned way, with a ruler and pencil. "I would only do two or three drafts because it would take me so long," she says. "But a couple of years ago, I was working on a design that called for ellipses. I was stuck, and John suggested I do it on the computer."

Now that she's a convert to the Macintosh, Carroll utilizes a variety of computer software, including *Designer*, a three-dimensional program by Raydream Incorporated.

Although her computer is equipped with a color monitor, Carroll designs in black



Quilt artist Ann Carroll can sometimes get lost in the large-scale geometric shapes of her fabrications. PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD

and white because "I don't want to be locked into the color. Sometimes I don't know what colors I'm going to use until just before I go to the fabric store."

Once she is satisfied with the design on her screen, she prints it out, tapes a piece of paper the size of the quilt to her dining room wall, and projects the image onto it so that she can trace the pattern. After recording the colors and orientation of the pieces, she cuts out the pattern, then the fabric. Working on her dining room table, with a sewing machine set up on one end, she then pieces together the material by machine and by hand.

When the piecing is finished, Carroll draws the quilting lines—she marks

where the stitches will go—her least favorite part of the work. "Sometimes I have to be on my hands and knees [for a long time]. It's tedious and boring and really easy to make a mistake."

But her reward comes with the quilting itself, which is the stitching together of two or three layers of material. The top layer usually consists of bright cottons, sewn together with silk threads. Underneath is cotton batting, "like you swab injuries with," above tautly-stretched muslin.

"I love the quilting part," Carroll says. "By the time I'm finished, I have literally touched every part of the quilt. It's really touchy-feely."

The stitches also accentuate Carroll's designs, which use a lot of light and shadow to create perspective. "Quilting gives the work texture," she says. "It helps the eye read the image better."

Carroll enhances each quilt with some whimsical handiwork, "a little business that livens up the actual doing." In the piece she calls "Pool" (as in billiards), each pool ball is quilted with its corresponding number, and the cue ball has the letter Q sewn all over it. In "Honeycomb," a background pattern of bees, dense in the center, tapers off toward the edges.

Once the quilting is completed, Carroll squares the corners, trims the sides, and puts a binding around the edges to seal it and "to keep the juice from running out."

Asked what artist has had an impact on her style, Carroll cites painter Georgia O'Keeffe. "O'Keeffe's images appear to go beyond the perimeters of the piece. There's a heightened sense of scale."

Like O'Keeffe's, Carroll's work is "a window onto another view. I like to give the impression that there's something going on that you can't see."

She's also inspired by everyday life. "I am fascinated by the mundane," Carroll says. Her piece called "Robin's Dress" was influenced by the play of light in the translucent fabric of a friend's garment. "Aces" derived from one of Carroll's favorite pastimes, playing bridge.

"Baby Blocks" was a result of her wanting "to do something using type, which is a nice graphic element. And John uses words in his work. I wasn't thinking about infants, I was actually thinking about soul music—'baby, baby, baby.'"

Since she works on just one piece at a time, it generally takes Carroll about two months to do a quilt. "One drawback to my medium is that I can't crank them out," she says. "I can do maybe six quilts a year."

Friends who live and work in the neighborhood often drop by to visit Carroll while she's working. "I can quilt and talk at the same time," she laughs. "It's fairly mindless." Her other favorite quilting companion is National Public Radio, which she will "cuss out" when politicians she disagrees with are on the air.

Although Carroll's home is filled with art—much of it by friends—she doesn't display her own creations. Her quilts, averaging 4 feet by 6 feet, hang protected within lengths of muslin cloth in a side office.

"I don't want to look at them," she says of her finished work. "They're not my children. I make them for other people to enjoy."

Dozens of collectors from around the country have purchased her pieces, which start at around \$2,500.

In addition, her designs have earned critical plaudits and media attention. Her work was praised by the *New York Times* after an East Coast showing, and in the past year was featured in *Computer Graphics World* magazine and the in-flight magazines put out by USAir and Alaska Airlines. The American Quilt and Textile Museum in San Jose featured an exhibition of her quilts in May and June.

Although Carroll acknowledges that such positive feedback is "extremely gratifying," her attitude remains pragmatic and down to earth. "I think it's unrealistic to expect perfection. What's important is to keep doing."

With refreshing modesty, she adds, "I've had a recent realization—I think I'm getting good at this." □

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Waiters on Wheels— A Business That Really Delivers

By Jeanne Alexander

You just got in from a grueling day at work, and you're too exhausted to move. You want to stay home and order in. But not pizza again. You'd like a real dinner, say roast chicken or broiled lamb chops. Or something exotic, maybe calamari sautéed in sweet basil. And hey, how about dessert, too?

Well, you could start walking through the *Yellow Pages*. But a faster route might be to order from the Waiters on Wheels directory, which lists the complete menus of over 70 restaurants in San Francisco, offering a choice of American, Brazilian, Cajun, Chinese, French, Cambodian, Indian, Italian, African, Mediterranean, Japanese, Greek, Mexican, and Thai cuisine.

A phone call to Waiters on Wheels, 252-1470, will bring dinner to your door, delivered piping hot (via an insulated carrying box) by a red-jacketed waiter. Except for a \$6 delivery charge, the price is the same as it would be in the restaurant, and all meals are guaranteed to be delivered within an hour, or they're free.

Says Takis Zarikos, 36, a co-founder and current vice president of Waiters on Wheels, "The catalog contains restaurant choices to satisfy a spectrum of people and pocketbooks, but always the criteria is that the food has to be good."

He and his wife, Angie, 33, the company's accounting manager, often can't resist having meals delivered to their home on Jersey Street.

"I'm still one of my own best customers, and I still can't cook!" he admits. Angie says they usually choose Indian or Thai food, "things that I don't cook," when they order for themselves and their friends.

Zarikos, a former electronics engineer, is happy to talk about the company's evolution from its conception in a 24th Street coffee shop to its current status as a \$3 million business.

Seven years ago, he was having coffee with Greek countryman Constantine Stathopoulos, a fellow engineering student at San Francisco State University (and now president of Waiters on Wheels). The two were studying hard, working part-time jobs in restaurants, and going home at night hungry.

"Both of us didn't know how to cook," says Zarikos, "and we always had to eat pizza or Chinese food because those were the only places that were delivering." Why, they wondered, couldn't good restaurants make home deliveries?

They decided to become partners and, doffing their college jeans in favor of suits and ties, went around to a number of restaurants, proposing a plan to initiate a consolidated delivery service.

At first the response was, "Nobody has done this before. What makes you think



Angie and Takis Zarikos occasionally splurge and ask their Waiters on Wheels to deliver to their own cozy kitchen on Jersey Street. PHOTOS BY PAMELA GERARD.

you can do it?" Zarikos recalls. "But then some said they would be willing to give it a try."

In November of 1987, Waiters on Wheels started rolling with 13 restaurants, among them Max's Diner, Mayes Oyster House, and Calzone's, all of which are still participating. Nowadays, their retinue includes Angkor Wat, the Garibaldi Cafe, Gaylord's India Restaurant, Little Joe's, Uno's, Hunan Restaurant, and Amelio's Entree des Artistes, to name just a few.

"We were the first ones in the country to offer this service," Zarikos says, adding that columns in local newspapers triggered media coverage across the country. A wire story on the Associated Press was followed by pieces in the *New York Times*, *Restaurant News*, the business press, and numerous national magazines. Today, he points out, over 400 companies from coast to coast have followed in their footsteps.

Waiters on Wheels delivers lunch and dinner every day of the year except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Four operators sit at phones and computers, taking the orders that manager Alex Aleman then faxes to restaurants. The restaurants must have them packaged and ready to be picked up by a driver in half an hour.

A few restaurants, says Zarikos, have been dropped because they were too busy to make the deadline. "I cannot go to the customer an hour late and say sorry, the restaurant was too busy," he explains.

Like a general mapping out a campaign, dispatcher Evan Xanthos matches customer addresses to the nearest pending restaurant pickups, communicating with his waiters on two-way radios, and making good on the Waiters on Wheels promise to be on time. Keeping that promise, he says, is rarely a problem.

"You'd be surprised at how many customers call to order food right before they leave work at 5 o'clock, and since they know it's arriving in an hour, they ask the operator to make sure it's not there before 6 o'clock. 'Make it 6:05,' they say."

Between 275 and 300 dinners a night roll out from restaurants to hungry San Franciscans. Zarikos says that the average check for two is about \$33.

Lunch is not as busy a time for individual orders, "but it's great in sales." Large corporations frequently order \$75



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platters for 20 to 30 people. "I'm feeding nearly every company in the downtown area," Zarikos boasts.

Customers who pay the \$12 annual fee to become Waiters on Wheels members receive the bimonthly directory and some delivery perks: the first delivery is free, each subsequent delivery is \$5 instead of \$6, and frequent users (four times in the same month) earn a \$5 gift certificate.

Over the years, advertising on cable TV channels CNN, TBS, and USA has fueled Waiters on Wheels' steady growth.

But customer loyalty and word-of-mouth recommendations have also boosted its popularity.

During and after the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake, when the Waiters on Wheels office at Second and Mission streets was demolished, "our clients' support was unbelievable," Zarikos says. "The last phone call I got on the night of the earthquake was from one of my waiters at the house of a customer who opened the door and shouted, 'Oh my gawd, you guys are here! At least I'll have dinner tonight!'"

In the days that followed the disaster, Zarikos says, calls poured in from clients pleading, "Please, get back in business fast."

With the help of Angie's mother, 25th Street resident Despina Kokalis, Zarikos and Stathopoulos were able to do just that, by transferring Waiters on Wheels' phone number to Kokalis' underground telephone line (the only one in the neighborhood that was working). This enabled them to tell customers that yes, the delivery service was temporarily down, but they'd be back as soon as possible.

They were up and running two weeks later in a new office at 425 Divisadero St., "as far as possible from downtown," Angie says. They had wanted to relocate to Noe Valley, she adds, but prices and lack of parking ruled that out.

Takis Zarikos cheerfully admits that running a food service is a far cry from engineering. But, he points out, when he came to America from Greece in 1978, he was a child of the '60s, "in the hippie time, with the free spirits of rock 'n' roll, and all the music I liked."

Perhaps that background influenced his plunge into entrepreneurship. And he seems to have no regrets. Waiters on Wheels has surpassed his wildest dreams, and with a successful business under his belt, he's now looking forward to becoming a family man.

He and Angie are expecting their first baby in September, and they can't wait to bring one more mouth to feed into their Jersey Street home (right next door to the house where Angie herself was born).

"I love Noe Valley," Zarikos says, "the sunny weather, walking up and down 24th Street, talking to all kinds of people—there are so many free-spirited people in this area."

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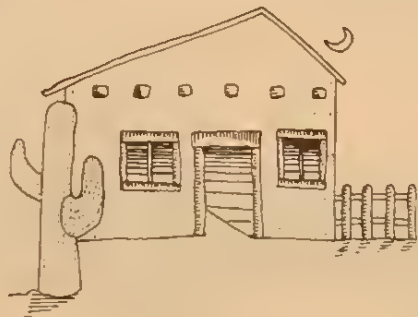


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Randall Street resident Steve Bosque is a frequent contributor to the Voice.



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This is the place where Leo and I and our two young children landed when we returned to the city in 1950, after being away for several years.

At the time, inexpensive housing was hard to come by, and few people would rent to couples with young children, who were inclined to be noisy. But fortunately for us, my father owned the property where his business, Mickelson's Paint and Unfinished Furniture Store, was located at 3434 Mission St.

Since he was in need of a new store manager, he asked me to try my hand at it for a few days. After a week or so, he decided that I could manage it, so he offered me a permanent job, as well as the adjoining living quarters—a small cottage—for our family of four.

This proved to be a wonderful arrangement. Because my father's paint and furniture business was a relatively quiet one, I was able to keep my eyes on our two young sons, watch their development every day, and get a paycheck at the same time!

Our oldest son, Michael, was in the first grade at Fairmount Elementary School, but our second son, Jan, was two years younger and not yet of school age. So Jan kept me company in the store and began to learn about the business.

On Monday mornings, we went to the bank to deposit the checks and bills from the weekend sales. At the same time, we got bags of change to replenish the cash register. Jan watched all of this and naturally interpreted it according to a 4-year-old's logic. I overheard him tell a friend knowingly, "You just take a little money to the bank, and the man gives you back a whole bunch."

Without my guidance, he learned to withdraw funds from his piggy bank with a kitchen knife, in order to invest in sweets at the 30th Street corner market. His philosophy was (and still is), "Money is no good unless you use it."

When he tired of helping me, Jan would occupy himself in the rear of the store, where my father's shop, full of hammers, nails, and a variety of other tools, proved to be a welcome stimulation.

Once Michael got home from school, the two boys usually headed out the side door of the store, which opened onto Kingston, a busy, narrow passageway between Mission Street and San Jose Avenue. But there was a small fenced courtyard that separated the store from the rear cottage we lived in, and for years that play yard was a magnet that

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Life at Kingston Corner

drew small fry from all over the neighborhood.

Our courtyard was usually filled with high-pitched laughter and playful screeching, which was a terrible nuisance for some of the neighbors—but at least the parents among them could hear where their children were.

It sounded just like recess at an elementary school. One cranky customer of my father's paint shop was surprised to learn that the store manager lived in the rear cottage. He said he had thought that just a hunch of screaming kids lived there!

To us, however, the courtyard was a blessing—a safe refuge located only 30 feet from the heavy traffic of Mission Street. As long as our children were there making happy noises, we knew they were okay.

In the courtyard was a stack of wooden odds and ends left over from my father's construction jobs—scraps that provided the boys with materials to build things. First they constructed a slide. Then they dismantled it in order to build a seesaw, which was great fun until they converted that to a catapult.

When Dirk, the inventor of the catapult, jumped on one end, a brick placed on the other end flew up in the air and then came down right on his head. It did no damage, much to our relief, but the incident put an end to the use of that ingenious invention.

Every few days, the children would

come up with a different structure to build. But the most substantial one was the "fort" with a door, situated under the staircase to our house.

One day my brother Ward, who worked with my father, came to pick up supplies from the basement of the store. He liked children, and especially appreciated the variety of contraptions that his nephews and their friends were always hammering on. So when they invited him to inspect their fort, he accepted.

Stooping down, he went inside the fort, judged it to be of solid construction, and then discovered that they had nailed the door shut. There he was, locked inside, while the pranksters howled with laughter. Having been a mischievous youngster himself, he too found this to be terribly funny, and when he was liberated, he gave the kids a quarter just for the laughs.

Television became popular in the '50s, and although as parents we resisted it for several years, we finally relented after realizing that our

boys were spending most of their time sitting in front of the set belonging to their friend, Ray, who lived across the street.

We had to purchase a small used TV set in order to get our children back. And from that day on, our living room was occupied by a young, spellbound audience.

The children were completely mesmerized by the thrilling cowboy movies, and on one occasion little Dirk became so involved in the action, he nervously and unconsciously unraveled the looped string rug he sat upon. He created a bald spot, but I sewed the loops back on that same evening—while I was sitting in his vacated spot.

On another occasion, an unfamiliar child came home from school with our son Michael, and after spending all afternoon in front of the television, refused to go home, telling us that his mother didn't care. But it was growing dark, and we finally insisted.

When we took him to the street where he lived, four blocks away, we were alarmed to see a gathering of neighbors, police, and a hysterical mother who gave us an angry tongue-lashing. Realizing that the child would be next, we made a hasty retreat, and resolved to check out every new face in our front room thereafter.

I'll also never forget the day I returned to the cottage after work and found our two little boys innocently seated on the sofa in front of the set. Since it was chilly, I flipped on the furnace switch, then went about preparing dinner. But within minutes, a strange odor began to fill the air, and then I heard a crackling sound that grew louder as the scent got heavier.

Alarmed, I ran around from appliance to appliance trying to determine the source, with the boys joining me in the pursuit. Then suddenly at our feet, the floor furnace began to percolate puffs of white until a billowy substance filled the entire space beneath the heater grating. It smelled like popcorn—which is exactly what it was!

The boys had accidentally spilled the kernels earlier that day, but neglected to report the mishap. However, they looked so astounded when the popcorn burst into view, that Leo and I didn't make an issue of it.

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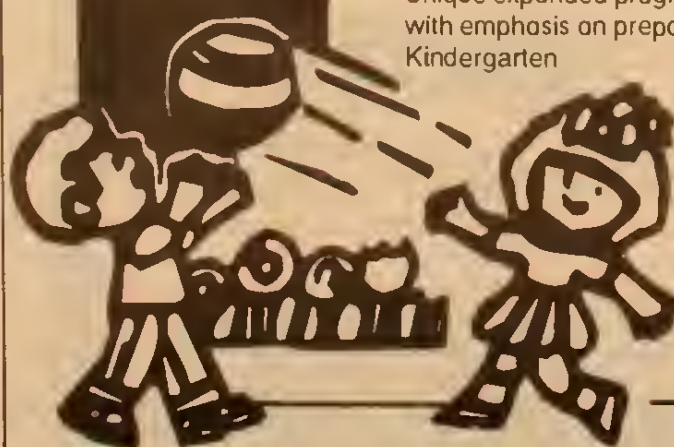
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Laura Greenberg Watry

When Ellen Greenberg checked into California Pacific Medical Center on Feb. 26, 1993, to give birth to her first child, her parents had already decided to catch a flight from New York to San Francisco so they could see their new granddaughter in person.

Laura Greenberg Watry weighed in at 8 pounds, 14 ounces, at 8:53 p.m. that same evening, and the proud grandparents joined the happy family less than an hour later.

"Laura was six days late, but I had a relatively easy time of it," says Ellen, "and it was definitely a highlight to have my parents here!"

Laura has been a gal in motion ever since birth, according to her dad, Duncan Watry. "She's an unbelievable walker," he says. "We walk all the way to the Noe Courts playground at 24th and Douglass—she loves the slide there—and then back to our house on Fair Oaks. She loves to dance, too. She'll run into the living room and point at the stereo. That means it's time to play her favorites—salsa and Zouk music."

"Laura also loves to walk along 24th Street and wave at everybody," says Ellen. "She's quite well-known—she goes behind the counter at Double Rainbow to pick out her ice cream, and likes to drop in at Bell Market and say hello to the folks there."

"When we're at Spinelli's, she even dips her bagel in hot chocolate," adds Duncan. "Laura is also a happy rider of historic Muni streetcars and BART."

With all this movement, it seems only natural that Laura's parents first intersected in the Transportation Library at U.C. Berkeley. That was in April 1989, when both were working toward master's degrees. Ellen was studying city planning at Berkeley, and Duncan was studying geography at San Francisco State.

The couple married in July 1991. Today Ellen, 35, has her own planning consulting firm, and Duncan, 38, is a planner in Muni's Service Planning Department. They became homeowners on Fair Oaks Street in January 1993, as tenants-in-common with Douglas and Tamara Thorne (whose daughter, Taylor, is a great friend of Laura's, and is also featured in this month's More Mouths to Feed.)

Although Laura was a large baby, she is now quite slender (probably all that walking and dancing.) She has blond hair and blue eyes, and Duncan thinks her mouth is shaped like his mother-in-law's.

But when it comes to which parent



From left: Tamara, Douglas, and daughter Taylor Thorne share a stoop on Fair Oaks Street with Taylor's best buddy Laura, and Laura's mom and dad, Ellen Greenberg and Duncan Watry. PHOTO BY BEVERLY THARP

Laura most resembles, Ellen and Duncan aren't sure, and even the opinions of others are contradictory.

"Some people say she looks just like me, and then others say she looks nothing like me," says Duncan.

Laura loves to look at books, and most recently has been perusing *Carl's Afternoon in the Park* and *When Sheep Cannot Sleep*. Her favorite word is "duck," which she uses frequently and not just to point out the yellow ducks in her bathtub.

"Anything and everything has become 'duck' lately," laughs Duncan. "She's even pointed at our cat, Guido, and called him 'duck!'"

Laura and the 9-year-old declared Guido get along just fine, though, and Ellen and Duncan are always amused when they look over and see them sitting next to one another.

Duncan says he is most surprised by "how fun it is" to be a parent. "Laura is a good sleeper and she's such a happy baby that it's been just great," he says.

Asked about what it all means to her, Ellen reflects and says, "It's interesting—some of my friends have asked me if it was worth it. Well, I can't even think in those terms. It is an amazing and wonderful experience—I just roll with it and enjoy it!" □

Taylor Ann Thorne

When Douglas and Tamara Thorne arrived at Kaiser Hospital on the evening of June 7 last year, they were told that Tamara wasn't quite ready to give birth to the couple's first child.

"We went across the street and had hamburgers and milkshakes, and then we walked along Geary Street for a little while," recalls Douglas. "Tammy was finally admitted at about 11 o'clock that

night." The labor was difficult and, says Tamara, "for a while it looked as if I would need a Caesarean section, but it turned out to be unnecessary."

Taylor Ann Thorne finally entered the world at 1:10 p.m. on June 8, 1993, and she was a big baby—8 pounds, 15½ ounces. She had her mother's big brown eyes, and red hair like her dad (which has now changed to light brown). Tamara says she chose the name Taylor because "it was different and I liked it."

One year later, the Thorne's pride and joy is a sturdy and thriving girl of 25 pounds.

"I used to put her in a jogging stroller and take her for runs when she was very young," says Douglas. "It was a good workout for me, and Taylor would get into the rhythm and fall asleep. Now she's just too heavy for me to do it anymore."

"Taylor is a wild-woman!" proclaims Tamara. "She was crawling at 8 months and walking at 11 months, and now she's trying to climb up on things. The couch seems to be her current goal, but she's a little frustrated because she sees that Laura can do it, but she can't." (Sixteen-month-old Laura Watry, whose parents co-own their Fair Oaks Street house with the Thornes, is also profiled this month.)

Douglas and Tamara met 10 years ago in Portland, when Douglas was running in a 180-mile relay race from Mount Hood to the Pacific Coast. Tamara was a spotter during the race and apparently kept her eye on one particular runner. The couple moved to San Francisco in September 1986, and married here the following December.

Douglas, 35, is a certified public accountant and owns Bay Area Educational Services, a financial planning firm. Tamara, also 35, worked as a stockbroker for a number of years and is now a women's clothing buyer for Nordstrom's.

The Thornes wanted children all along.

but waited for a few years until they were better established financially. Tamara says that having Taylor has definitely changed her outlook on life. "I used to be very career-driven," she says, "but now I see what's really important in life."

Taylor loves to play with her toy radio and also listens to blues on the family stereo. "Sometimes she holds onto the speakers, she loves the music so much," Tamara says. Taylor is also fascinated by the antique chandelier in the living room and likes to sit and stare at it.

If she's not listening to music or playing with Mom and Dad, chances are Taylor is hanging out with her best friend Laura. "She just loves Laura," says Tamara. "When she sees her, she screams and runs up to hug her."

Another V.I.P. in Taylor's life is Kathleen Kennedy, the Irish nanny whom Taylor and Laura have shared since August 1993. Rumor has it that the two little dynamos have trained Kathleen to take them to Double Rainbow for ice cream.

When Taylor is old enough, Tamara would like to send her to private school. "I had a private school education myself," says Tamara, "and I am convinced of its benefits." Taylor, who just celebrated her first birthday, doesn't seem too concerned about the prospect right now.

Asked how he likes being a father, Douglas says he is "surprised at how natural it feels," and adds, "I seem to know instinctively how to take care of Taylor and how to respond to her needs. I'm also much more sensitive to the needs of children in general since we've had her." The only thing Dad misses is the amount of sleep he used to get.

And for those of you who may be considering parenthood, Tamara has some sage advice: "Make sure you have a great marriage, be very patient, and love them through everything." □



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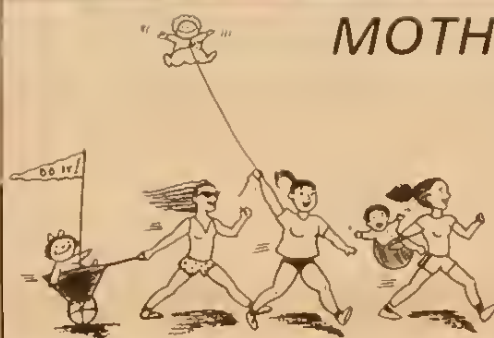
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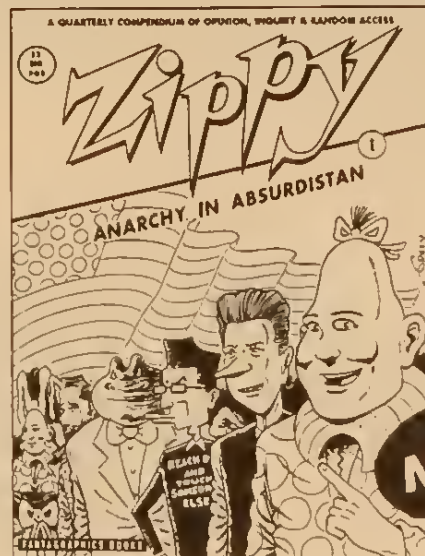
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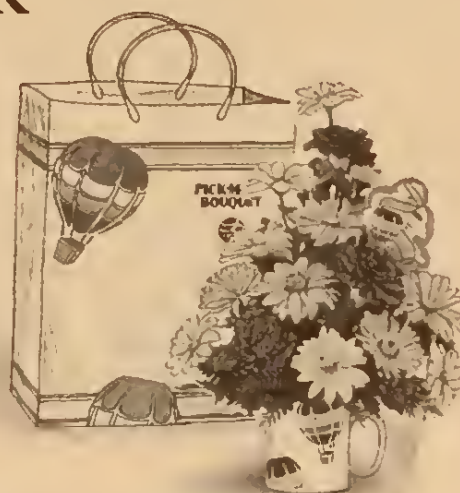
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Our S.F. Giants Should Be So Lucky: Upper Noe Rec Center's 12-and-under team the Wild Things, sponsored by Zephyr Real Estate on 24th Street, finished the spring baseball season with a record of 11 wins, 3 losses, and 1 tie. Team members (from left, front row) are Anthony Black, Kelvin Del Cueva, Ricky Elizondo, and Fred Estrada; Sean Arhunch, Max Duenas, Bobby Watson, and Rafael Tenorio, and Assistant Coach Mark McMillan, Nayo Fuentes, Toshi Ohta-Shepard, Jamar Colbert, Maria Sandino, and Head Coach Derek Grey.

Noe Shows At the Polls

By Mazook

A WHOPPING 64 percent of the 17,500 people registered to vote in Noe Valley chose NOT to exercise their franchise in the June 7 primary election.

But amazingly, Noe Valley's 36 percent turnout was high compared to the rest of San Francisco. A little more than 31 percent of the city's registered voters showed up at the polls. Visitation Valley had the lowest turnout, with 16.3 percent casting ballots.

In the Democratic gubernatorial primary, our neighborhood gave Kathleen Brown the majority of its votes (2,206), but Tom Hayden was a close second with 1,896. On the Republican side, with less than 600 people declaring GOP party affiliation, Gov. Pete Wilson garnered 380 votes.

Even though California's earthquake and school bond measures failed statewide, Noe-Valley-quite-contrary approved them wholeheartedly, by almost a 3-to-1 margin.

In city issues, Noe voters went heavily for the Save the Libraries proposition, the "911" police-dispatch upgrade, and Prop. A, the school renovation measure—all of which passed citywide.

We Noe Valleons gave a thumbs-down to Prop. D, the more-cops-on-the-beat measure, voting 2,577 yes and 3,135 no. But the rest of the city apparently liked the idea of a mandated number of police officers, and okayed Prop. D by a vote of 61,000 yes to 54,000 no.

You also might be interested to know that Noe Valley was fairly evenly divided about Prop. J, which bans panhandling within 30 feet of an ATM. The count here was 2,917 in favor and 2,996 against, whereas citywide, voters approved the measure 68,078 to 47,781.

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THE MAYOR'S Town Hall meeting in Noe Valley turned out to be more of a Town Closet. About 50 people showed up at James Lick auditorium June 2 to hear Mayor Frank discourse on three self-proscribed topics: "Budget, budget, budget."

Jordan was joined onstage by a number of city department representatives, but he neglected to introduce them until yours truly asked who they were during the Q & A.

The mayor did reveal that he and wifey Wendy like strolling down 24th Street whenever they come to Noe Valley. What he did not reveal is that he primarily comes to Noe Valley to confer with his political adviser, Jack Davis, who lives here.

Audience questions focused on things like the lack of neighborhood input into Planning Commission decisions, the parking crunch in Downtown Noe Valley, how we can shore up seniors programs, how

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we can budget more for the library, etc.

Of course, the voters answered the last question, and the mayor answered a few of the others during his hour-long exchange. He then left "for a meeting I have in the Civic Center."

Said Noe Valley's unofficial mayor, Miriam Blaustein, of the mayor's performance: "He mumbles well."

However, the good news is that after the mayor departed and the department heads came down off the stage, a real Town Hall started. The audience descended upon the administrators for some useful dialogue. Remarks Miriam, "That was the best part of the meeting, and what made it all a success."

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SPEAKING OF THE LIBRARY, for those of you who missed June's announcement of "Magabucks Month" at our local branch, there's still time to donate a magazine subscription (or a check for same) to the Jersey Street library. In fact, July is "Magabucks Month II," say Noe librarians Roberta Greifer and Carol Small. Give them a call at 695-5095.

You might also want to spend \$3 on a book called "Writers 'n the 'Hood," a collection of poetry and drawings that was the result of a collaboration among seniors from Diamond Senior Center and the fifth-and sixth-graders from nearby Live Oak School.

According to Fair Oaks resident Nancy Deutsch, the project's writer-in-residence, the poetry "focused on such neighborhood things as environmental safety, less crime, tolerance of diversity, and everybody's wish for more pools to swim in." The seniors like whirlpools, she says, and the kids, of course, are fond of swimming pools.

The book is available at the senior center, located at 18th and Diamond. Maybe our branch library could budget for one.

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HEIRS LOOKING AT YOU: Also out with a new book is Voice writer Loren Bialik, who at last has revealed the secret of his livelihood (the Voice is only our hobby, folks).

His book, titled *Unclaimed Fortunes:*

How to Get Your Share, is a how-to manual on locating the beneficiaries of large inheritances and other windfalls. Loren, who calls himself a "professional heir-finder," has been reaping the rewards of such searches for the past 11 years, working out of his Eureka Street home. The manual is available for \$150 from Loren's own Mazel Publishing, P.O. Box 460040, S.F., CA 94146-0040.

The reason the book's so expensive, he says, is that it "lists \$3.5 million in lost fortunes you can begin working on immediately." He says the reward for locating an heir can run anywhere from 10 to 50 percent of the inheritance. Hey, how 'bout a review copy, Loren?

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ELIZABETH STREET filmmakers Judy Irving and Chris Beaver, renowned for their Emmy Award-winning *Dark Circle* of a few years back, have just completed their first feature film, *Out of the Way Cafe*.

According to Judy, the movie will be released this fall at the Telluride (Colorado) Film Festival. She says you can expect to see a lot of Northern California faces and places in the film, which centers on a cafe located in the small East Bay community of Sunol (near Fremont).

Judy and Chris are also currently working with rocker-turned-photographer-activist Graham Nash on producing an international photo and film exhibit called "Nagasaki Journey." The core of the exhibit will be a series of photographs taken by Japanese soldier Yosuke Yamahata, as he was walking through what remained of Nagasaki on Aug. 10, 1945, the day after the U.S. dropped the atomic bomb.

The exhibit will open on the 50th anniversary of the Nagasaki holocaust next year at the Ansel Adams Gallery in San Francisco, the International Center of Photography in New York City, and at a venue in Nagasaki, Japan.

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IN OTHER CREATIVE ENDEAVORS: Dolores Street resident Patrick Martin, a self-styled "illusionist," just got back from the Creteil Cultural Festival, held in May in a small town outside Paris. It was the first time a magician had been

invited to perform at this European arts festival, he says.

According to Patrick, what distinguishes him from the typical magician is his ability to create "visual poems." For example, he does one illusion where paper money appears, then bleeds when sliced. The drops of blood burst into flames and become live white birds that fly over the audience. "It's kind of a vision of war and peace," he says.

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HOT WAX in the summertime apparently is a new album by the Beastie Boys. Their CD *Ill Communication* has topped the charts at Streetlight Records, along with *Chants*, by some Benedictine monks singing Gregorian chants.

At nearby Aquarius Records, the biggest seller is a punk-disco number called *Super Roots*, by a Japanese group called the Boredoms.

According to both Video Wave and West Coast Video, the hottest video this summer has been *Ace Ventura, Pet Detective*, starring Jim Carrey.

Readers will want to note that the best-selling fiction at Cover to Cover is *The Shipping News* by Annie Proulx. Mikal Gilmore's *Shot in the Heart* heads the non-fiction list.

Herb Lilly, of Noe Valley Sports Cards on Church Street, reports that his small supply of O.J. Simpson trading cards was bought out on the Saturday after the Friday night TV spectacle. "Everybody wants one, but no one seems to know why," Herb said sadly.

Other than O.J., the trading card most in demand these days is that of Seattle Mariners baseball star Ken Griffey, Jr. His card can fetch upwards of \$65.

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A FOND FAREWELL to local restaurateur Rami Sternfeld, who died of complications related to AIDS on May 28, while at home with his family in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Rami, who was 44 years old, opened the Church Street restaurant that bears his name, Rami's Caffe, in 1983. During his 10 years in the neighborhood, he became one of our most popular chefs, serving great food in a beautifully designed space, whose walls were graced with works of local artists. He also gave food to the homeless and staged annual benefits for others in need, especially those with AIDS.

Says Church Street neighbor and friend Susan Bistline, "Rami will be greatly missed by everyone around here. I remember the times he would come over and say, 'Susan, this is a day of being rather than doing,' and it was."

After Rami became ill last year, he sold the restaurant to longtime employee Alvaro Ferrer, who continues Rami's style of healthy California and Mediterranean cuisine.

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Since we are on vacation for a month, our next issue will be the September 1994 issue, appearing Aug. 31. To place a class ad, mail your ad copy and a check made payable to the *Noe Valley Voice* so that we receive it by Aug. 15. Our address is *Noe Valley Voice* Class Ads, 1021 Sanchez St., San Francisco, CA 94114. Sorry, but we are unable to accept phone or drop-in orders.

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CALENDAR

JULY 1: The Make*A*Circus Summer Festival includes two performances & a CIRCUS skills workshop. 12:30 pm. Dolores Park, 18th & Dolores. 776-8470.

JULY 1 & 2: Community Music Center offers summer session REGISTRATION for new students. Fri., 3-7 pm; Sat., 10 am-1 pm. 544 Capp St. 647-6015.



In preparation for July 4th, the June sun created a flagpole at 28th and Valley streets. PHOTO BY BEVERLY THARP

JULY 4: The Friends of Noe Valley lead a HIKE to Twin Peaks for fireworks observation, dress appropriately and bring a flashlight. Meet at 7:30 pm in front of the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St. 641-4681.

JULY 4, 11, 18 & 25: The Sri Chinmoy Centre conducts a free MEDITATION course on Mondays. 7-8 pm. 8ethany Church, 201 Clipper St. 664-1327

JULY 5: The Mission Merchants Association and the 24th Street Merchants Association sponsor a BUSINESS FORUM for current and prospective business owners. 9 am-2 pm. Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St. 979-4171 or 824-7728

JULY 5: Hawaiian POET Haurani-Kay Trask reads from *Light in the Crevice Never Seen*. 8 pm. Old Wives' Tales, 1009 Valencia St. 821-4676

JULY 5 & AUG. 2, 9, 16 & 23: The Noe Valley Library hosts STORY TIME for preschoolers at 10 am. 451 Jersey St. 695-5095

JULY 6: Project Inform sponsors a DISCUSSION, "What You Can Do to Treat HIV Disease." 7:30 pm. Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka St. 558-9051



Dennis Campagna will be one of the tallest tale spinners at a storytelling fest July 8 at the Noe Valley Ministry. PHOTO BY RAY HUNOLD

JULY 8-10: Asian American DANCE Performances celebrates its 20th anniversary with a benefit program, "Tradewinds." Fri. & Sat., 8 pm, Sun., 2 pm. Julian Theater at the New College, 777 Valencia St. 552-8980

JULY 8-30: Misery/Loves Co. presents Megan Terry's PLAY *Calm Down Mother*, a transformation for three women. Thurs. Sat., 8:30 pm. BRAVA Studio, 2180 Bryant St. 566-2578

JULY 9: Bay Area Theatresports' "1940 HOLLYWOOD Season Opening Party" runs from 6 to 9 pm. 3368 Jackson St. 824-8220.

JULY 9: Pianist Alma Batista performs a solo RECITAL of works by J.S. Bach, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, and Gilda. 8 pm. Community Music Center, 544 Capp St. 647-6015.

JULY 9: Larry Reed, accompanied by Gamelan Gender Wayang, tells traditional tales from BALI using shadow-puppets. 8:15 pm. Noe Valley Music Series, 1021 Sanchez St. 454-5238.

JULY 10 & AUG. 14: A CANTATE service of chanting, meditation, and prayer starts at 7 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 282-2317

JULY 12: Preschool kids are invited for FILMS at 10 and 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St. 695-5095

JULY 13: Peter Steinhart discusses NATURE adapting to civilization and asks the question "Is the City a Legitimate Habitat?" 7:30 pm. Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way. 554-9600

JULY 14: A representative from Muni will attend the monthly meeting of the FRIENDS of Noe Valley. 7:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St. 641-4681

JULY 14: Oannie Martin describes PRISON LIFE in his collection of essays, *Committing Journalism*. 7:30 pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St. 282-9246

JULY 14: AUTHOR Shirtee Taylor Haizlip discusses her book *The Sweeter the Juice: A Family Memoir in Black and White*. 8 pm. Old Wives' Tales, 1009 Valencia St. 821-4676.

JULY 14-SEPT. 15: The FILM ARTS Foundation offers a 10-session course, "Beginning Screenwriting." Thursdays, 7-10 pm. 346 Ninth St. 552-8760

JULY 16: Bobby McFerrin's backup vocal orchestra, SoVoSo (formerly Voicesra), performs gospel, scat, and improvisation. 8:15 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 454-5238.

JULY 21: Performance artist Kate Bornstein discusses her new MEMOIR, *Gender Outlaw*. 7:30 pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St. 282-9246

JULY 21 & AUG. 18: The La Leche League's July meeting focuses on the family's needs as a baby grows, the topic for August is "Why Breastfeed Your Baby?" 10 am. Natural Resources, 4077 1/2 A 24th St. 282-7816

JULY 23: St. Luke's Hospital offers a free GOOD HEALTH seminar on "Preparing for a Healthier Pregnancy." 10:30 am-noon. 3555 Army St. 821-3627

JULY 23: Karyn Sanders leads a CLASS at Natural Resources, "Healthy Pregnancy Through Herbs." Noon-2 pm. 4081 24th St. 550-2611.

JULY 23: The live drummers in Keith Terry's group Crosspulse perform MULTICULTURAL and eclectic music. 8:15 pm. Noe Valley Music Series, 1021 Sanchez St. 454-5238.

JULY 26: Keane's 3300 Club features the POETRY of Rose Mark and Gail Ford. 7 pm. 29th at Mission. 826-6886 or 824-0835.

JULY 27: Community Music Center, the Stern Grove Festival, and the S.F. Symphony co-sponsor a free CONCERT featuring the vocal quintet Street Sounds, singing blues, jazz, chants, and rap. 5:30-6:30 pm. Community Music Center, 544 Capp St. 647-6015.

JULY 28: Contributors from *Sleeping with Dionysus: Women, Ecstasy, and Addiction* share their stories and poems. 8 pm. Old Wives' Tales, 1009 Valencia St. 821-4676

JULY 28: The monthly meeting of UPPER NOE NEIGHBORS offers a discussion of local environmental concerns and a speaker from the Water Pollution Prevention Program. 7:30 pm. Upper Noe Rec Center, Day & Sanchez. 641-5989 or 824-1062

JULY 30: Natural Resources sponsors a kids' CONCERT featuring Dan the Music Man. 1 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 550-2611

JULY 30 & 31: Shanti Project offers VOLUNTEER training for its Latino Program. 1546 Market St. For info, call Irma Castro at 864-CARE.

JULY 31: Good Vibrations hosts "A Sexy Evening with PAUL KRASSNER." 8 pm. 1210 Valencia St. 974-8980

JULY 31: The S.F. GIANTS' "Until There's a Cure" Day at Candlestick Park benefits AIDS research and education in a game against the Colorado Rockies. Call 1-800-SFGIANT for info.



AUG. 3, 10, 17 & 24: The Noe Valley Library continues its Wednesday LAP-SITS. 7 pm. 451 Jersey St. 695-5095

AUG. 4: Good Vibrations offers a talk by Hong Kong-born PHOTOGRAPHER Peter OaSilva, currently working on a series, "Beyond the Tattoo." 5-7 pm. 1210 Valencia St. 974-8980

AUG. 5: Noe Valley MOVIES screens classic comedies, starring Laurel & Hardy, Harold Lloyd, Zasu Pitts, and the Little Rascals. 8 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 386-1291.

AUG. 6: U.S. MANDOLIN champion Radim Zenkl performs an acoustic concert at the Noe Valley Music Series. 8:15 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 454-5238.

AUG. 11: S.F. Supervisor SUSAN LEAL is the guest speaker at a meeting of Friends of Noe Valley. 7:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St. 641-4681

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AUG. 11-SEPT. 14: Theatre Artaud's summer DANCE Project highlights the work of eight local companies. 450 Florida St. Call 621-7797 for schedule

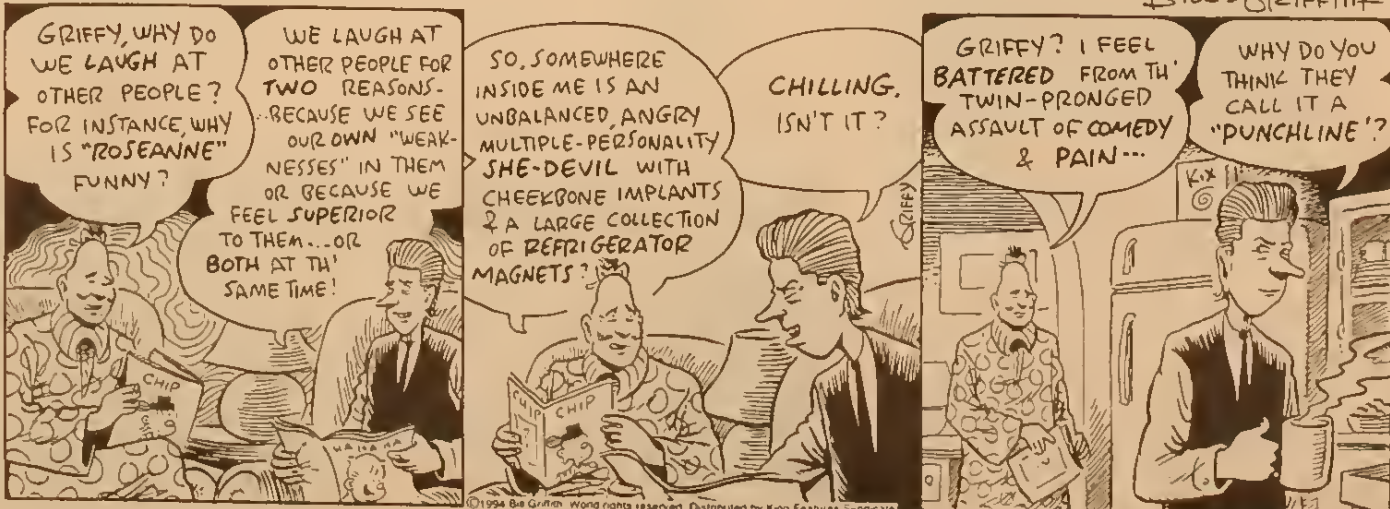
AUG. 13: Natural Resources offers a class in infant and CHILD CPR. 1-4 pm. 4081 24th St. 550-2611 to register

AUG. 17: The Noe Valley Library hosts a showing of Robert Flaherty's FILM *Man of Aran*. 7 pm. 451 Jersey St. 695-5095

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The Scoop on Calendar

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